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Fethry Duck was created in the 1960s by Dick Kinney and Al Hubbard, but he never really achieved any great popularity in his home country. Not so in many European countries, where he is often included in stories and even has adventures of his own. To reintroduce this character to the American market, we've published the very first Fethry story, "The Health Nut," in this issue. Disney comics historian and "Fethry Nut," David Gerstein, provides additional insights on the inside back cover.

Also in this issue is a special Mickey Mouse story writen by Mickey maven Byron Erickson and drawn by the great Cesar Ferioli. "The Great Birthday Robbery" originally appeared in Europe as part of a celebration of Mickey's 70th anniversary, so we thought it appropriate to reprint it in time for Mickey's 75th.

Naturally, William Van Horn is on hand this issue with his Donald 10-pager contribution, "Double Trouble." And author John Lustig provides us with "Can You Imagine ... Melvin?," a Huey, Dewey, and Louie fantasy yarn that John considers one of his personal favorites.

Wrap it all up with a classic Gyro Gearloose 4-pager for all you Carl Barks enthusiasts and we have what may be a darn-near perfect issue! See you next month.

— John Clark

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WALT DISNEY'S DONALD DUCK

• DOUBLE TROUBLE •

YOU KNOW, DAISY, SOMETIMES I THINK IT WOULD BE WONDERFUL TO BE **NOTORIOUS**! YOU KNOW, SOMEONE EVERYONE KNOWS AND TALKS ABOUT!

MAYBE, BUT BEING NOTORIOUS CAN OFTEN LEAD TO TROUBLE!

FIN
ME

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THAT'S JUST IT! I'VE USUALLY GOT PLENTY OF TROUBLE **WITHOUT** BEING NOTORIOUS! WHY NOT HAVE IT **ALL**?

ARE YOU EXPECTING TO BECOME NOTORIOUS ANY TIME SOON?

STRANGER THINGS HAVE HAPPENED! YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS!

THEN WHY DON'T WE FIND OUT?

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HOW? DO YOU HAVE A CRYSTAL BALL HANDY?

NO, BUT MADAM **WICKI-WACKI** HAS!

MADAM WICKI-WACKI

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POOH! THAT STUFF IS ALL PHONEY BALONEY!

DON'T BE AN OLD STICK-IN-THE-MUD, DONALD! YOU MIGHT HAVE YOUR EYES OPENED!

WELL, NOT QUITE!

I'M SO SORRY, MISTER DUCK! I DON'T UNDERSTAND! LULUBELLE MUST NEED **GLASSES**!

WHO?

LULUBELLE IS MADAM WICKI-WACKI'S CRYSTAL BALL!

YOU DON'T SAY!

YES, AND RIGHT NOW SHE'S SEEING EVERYTHING **DOUBLE**! I'M AFRAID THAT NOTHING I **CAN** SEE IS CLEAR ENOUGH TO GIVE YOU AN ACCURATE READING!

THUS-

ACCURATE READING MY FOOT! THAT OLD GAL IS A BONA FIDE **FAKE**!

DON'T BE TOO SURE!

WHATEVER LULUBELLE WAS TRYING TO SHOW MUST MEAN **SOMETHING**!

IT DOES! IT MEANS I'M GOING HOME AND HAVE A **DOUBLE SCOOP** OF ICE CREAM!

THE NEXT DAY DAWNS BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL!

A SURE SIGN THAT SOMETHING IS AMISS!

A MORNING LIKE THIS SEEMS TO BRING OUT THE VERY BEST IN PEOPLE!

THERE GOES **THAT DUCK**!

I'M SURPRISED HE SHOWS HIS **FACE** ON THE STREET!

IT'S PEOPLE LIKE **HIM** THAT GIVE DUCKBURG A BAD NAME!

SHO

WHAT IN THE WORLD IS WRONG WITH THAT FLOCK OF OLD CROWS?

YOU! I THOUGHT THAT WAS YOU! YOU PAY UP BY THE END OF THE WEEK, YOU DEADBEAT, OR I'LL SUE YOU FOR YOUR BACK TEETH!

MEN'S CLOTHING

AM I CRAZY, OR IS EVERYONE ELSE?

HEY! YOU THERE!

CAN I HELP YOU, OFFICER?

YEAH! YOU EITHER CAN THE MIDNIGHT MONKEY BUSINESS, OR I'LL SLAP YOU IN THE **KLINK**!

LATER, BUT NOT MUCH—

SOUNDS STRANGE, ALL RIGHT!

IT MUST BE SOMEBODY THAT **LOOKS** LIKE YOU!

EITHER THAT OR I'VE BEEN **CLONED** SOMEHOW!

WHO'D DO A DUMB THING LIKE THAT?

UH, OH! LOOK AT THIS! I THINK OUR LITTLE MYSTERY IS SOLVED!

DAILY

FOOD FIGH
CITY'S PO
RESTU

LOOKS LIKE YOU'VE MADE THE FRONT PAGE, UNCA DONALD!

WAK! IT'S **ME**! ONLY IT **CAN'T** BE!

DAILY BLA..

FOOD FIGHT AT CITY'S POSH RESTURANT!

OBVIOUSLY IT ISN'T **YOU**!

NOT UNLESS YOU'VE BECOME A HIGH-ROLLING SLEEPWALKER!

DAILY BLA..

FOOD FIGHT AT CITY'S POSH RESTURANT!

YEAH, BUT HIS NAME IS **DONALD**, TOO, AND—

RING

MISTER DONALD DUCK?

YEAH, WHO ARE YOU?

I, SIR, AM J. THURLOW GOOSEBULB, ATTORNEY-AT-LAW, AND **THIS** IS FOR YOU!

WHAT IS IT?

A **LAWSUIT**! YOU'RE BEING SUED FOR YOUR BACK TEETH AND **$10,000** FOR DUCKING OUT ON 23 RESTURANT BILLS!

LISTEN, THERE'S BEEN A MISTAKE!

YES, AND **YOU'VE** MADE IT!

WHO **ARE** ALL OF YOU PEOPLE?

LAWYERS! AND OUR CLIENTS **ALL** HAVE A BONE TO PICK WITH YOU!

BATTEN DOWN THE HATCHES! THIS WHOLE THING HAS GOTTEN TOTALLY **CRAZY**!

SLAM

DON'T ANSWER THE PHONE OR THE DOOR, BOYS! I'M GOING TO DUCK OUT THE BACK AND GIVE THOSE SCAVENGERS THE SLIP!

THIS ISN'T GOING TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM, UNCA DONALD!

MAYBE NOT! BUT RIGHT NOW I'VE GOT TO GET DOWN TO THE ICE CUBE FACTORY AND PICK UP MY CHECK!

THERE HE GOES! AFTER HIM!

YOICKS! THOSE PEOPLE DON'T LOOK LIKE LAWYERS!

COME BACK, YOU SCOUNDREL! WE HAVE A LIST OF **68** THINGS WE WANT YOU TO **APOLOGIZE** FOR!

AND HERE COME THE LAWYERS! I'M **SURROUNDED**!

IT'S EITHER A COLD BATH OR A BATTERING!

SPLASH

SOON-

SORRY, DONALD! YOUR WAGES HAVE BEEN **FROZEN** BY COURT ORDER!

VERY FUNNY!

DUCKBURG ICE CUBE WORKS

MAYBE YOU OUGHT TO CUT BACK ON THE MERRY MAKING! HA! HA!

BUT- OH, NEVER MIND!

DONALD MANAGES TO GET HOME WITHOUT BEING POUNCED ON TOO OFTEN!

YOU'VE GOT TO CONVINCE PEOPLE THAT YOU AREN'T **THAT** DONALD DUCK!

HOW?

CONFRONT HIM IN PUBLIC! LET PEOPLE SEE THAT THERE ARE **TWO** OF YOU!

SHOW UP AT THE KIND OF PLACES HE FREQUENTS!

THEN THE SPARKS WILL FLY!

AND SO—

CAFÉ FLAMBEAU DU POT ROAST! WELL, HERE GOES! I HOPE I CAN GET THIS OVER WITH **FAST**!

CAFE FLAMBE

. . . AND DON'T COME BACK, YOU **SWINDLER**!

THUD

WHEW! I DIDN'T EXPECT IT TO BE **THAT** FAST! I GUESS HIS NIBS HAS BEEN HERE ALREADY!

FLAMBE

THERE MUST BE SOME OTHER LIKELY JOINTS ALONG HERE!

AHA! THE CLUB RAZZMATAZZ! SOUNDS LIKE AN EXCELLENT PROSPECT!

RAZZMATAZZ

THUD

THAT EXIT WAS TEN SECONDS FASTER THAN THE LAST ONE!

AFTER A FEW MORE SUCH ENCOUNTERS, DONALD STRIKES PAY DIRT!

THERE'S A REAL RUCKUS OF SOME SORT GOING ON IN HERE! NOBODY'S PAYING ANY ATTENTION TO ME!

HOLD HIM, CARLYLE!

YES, SIR! HE IS HELD!

TAKE YOUR GRUBBY MITTS OFF OF ME, YOU OVERSTUFFED UNDERLING! **I** AM DONALD DUCK!

BOY, OH BOY! THE NOTORIOUS **DONALD DUCK** STRIKES AGAIN! THIS IS FRONT PAGE STUFF! GET MORE PICTURES, ED!

JUST A DOGGONE MINUTE!

WHAT DO YOU WANT, BUD? CAN'T YOU SEE THAT WE'RE— **HEY!** IT'S **ANOTHER** ONE!

A DEAD-RINGER!

YEAH, ONLY I'M THE **DUCKBURG** DONALD DUCK! I DON'T KNOW WHERE **THIS** CHARACTER CAME FROM, BUT HE'S CAUSED ME NOTHING BUT **GRIEF!**

MY! MY! AREN'T WE BEING **ORDINARY!**

WOW! THIS IS AN EVEN **BIGGER** STORY! **TWO** DONALD DUCKS!

ONE'S A NOTORIOUS TROUBLE MAKER, AND THE OTHER AN INNOCENT TAKING ALL THE BLAME!

THUS-

THE PAPER HAS EXONERATED YOU, UNCA DONALD!

THAT'S JUST THE HALF OF IT! ALL OF THE LAWSUITS ARE BEING **CANCELLED!**

I WONDER WHAT THE OTHER DONALD IS UP TO?

HIS NECK IN **TROUBLE**, I BET!

ACTUALLY, DONALD'S DOUBLE ISN'T IN TROUBLE AT ALL!

OH, MISTER DUCK! I'M **SO** SORRY FOR THE THINGS I SAID ABOUT POOR, SIMPLE, INNOCENT **YOU!**

ER... AH, YES! THANK YOU!

MISTER DUCK, I TRULY APPOLOGIZE FOR TRYING TO SUE AN INNOCENT **BUMPKIN** LIKE YOU!

HEH! HEH! AH, WELL, IT GOES THAT WAY SOMETIMES FOR US BUMPKINS!

GOOD GRAVY! PEOPLE ACTUALLY CAN'T TELL THAT DUCKBURG GOOF AND I APART! IT'S UNBELIEVABLE!

WHAT ON EARTH IS THE WORLD COMING TO?

MEANWHILE—

OH, THE JOY OF WALKING ALONG WITHOUT BEING **PUMMELED** FOR IT!

MISTER DUCK?

ER, YES?

ARE YOU THE GOOD ONE, OR THE **OTHER** ONE?

HA! HA! THE **GOOD** ONE, OF COURSE! WHY?

I'D APOLOGIZE FOR THE THINGS I SAID ABOUT YOU IF I COULD BE SURE YOU REALLY **ARE** YOU!

OH, BROTHER! MAYBE THINGS AREN'T AS ROSY AS I THOUGHT!

THUMP

YOU!

LISTEN, PAL, IT'S ABOUT TIME YOU AND I HAD AN UNDERSTANDING!

PRAY TELL, **PAL**, WHAT WOULD **THAT** BE?

I'LL—

JUST A MINUTE, YOU TWO! I'VE GOT AN APOLOGY AND A BUCKET OF MONEY COMING FROM ONE OF YOU! WHICH ONE **IS** IT?

HIM!

HIM!

WISE GUYS, EH? OKAY, I'LL COLLECT FROM **BOTH** OF YOU!

TIME TO HIT THE ROAD, BUDDY PAL!

I COULDN'T AGREE MORE!

COME BACK HERE AND FACE THE MUSIC, YOU TWO FOOTPADS!

CRASH

THIS OUGHT TO SLOW HIM DOWN!

HEY!

THUD

IS THERE **ANYBODY** IN TOWN YOU **HAVEN'T** RILED UP?

IT WOULD SEEM NOT!

I'LL TELL YOU SOMETHING, PAL! THIS TOWN ISN'T BIG ENOUGH FOR THE **BOTH** OF US!

DON'T EXPECT **ME** TO LEAVE!

YOU WON'T HAVE TO! I'VE HAD A BELLY FULL OF DUCKBURG AND THE IDIOTS THAT LIVE HERE! I'M **LEAVING**!

THANK GOODNESS! I'VE HAD NOTHING BUT **TROUBLE** BEING MISTAKEN FOR YOU!

MY SENTIMENTS EXACTLY!

I GUESS NOTORIETY HAS BEEN NOTHING BUT TROUBLE FOR **BOTH** OF US!

IT'S NOT THE **TROUBLE** THAT BOTHERS ME, BUDDY PAL! **HEAVENS NO!**

THEN WHAT DOES?

BEING MISTAKEN FOR **YOU**, A MERE **NOBODY**!

ALL IS WELL THAT ENDS WELL!

DAISY, DO YOU WANT TO KNOW WHAT I SOMETIMES THINK?

NO! IT CAN ONLY LEAD TO **TROUBLE**!

SATURDAY NIGHT, OCTOBER 31 —

SHAKE A LEG, DEXIE! WE AIN'T GOT MUCH MORE'N A FEW MINUTES BEFORE THE SCREWS MAKE THEIR ROUNDS!

DON'T RUSH ME, PETE! EVEN ONE SCRAMBLED CIRCUIT COULD HAVE DISASTROUS CONSEQUENCES!

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AND DON'T CALL ME "DEXIE"! I'M SICK AND TIRED OF YOU TREATING ME LIKE YOUR STOOGE! THIS IS MY INVENTION, REMEMBER?

YEAH, YEAH, DEXTER! BUT IT WAS ME THAT ARRANGED TA SMUGGLE IN THE DOOHICKEYS YA NEEDED TA MAKE IT!

IT'S FINISHED!

AND IT'S ME THAT'S GOT THE GUTS TA USE IT! THAT'S WHY I'M THE BOSS OF THIS OUTFIT, AND DON'T YOU FERGIT IT!

QUIET DOWN IN THERE! NO TALKING AFTER LIGHTS OUT!

CRIPES! IT'S NOW OR NEVER!

WHAT THE—?! THEY'RE GONE!

TUESDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 17 —

C'MON, MINNIE! CAN'T YOU AT LEAST GIVE ME A *HINT?*

NO, MICKEY! YOU'LL HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL YOUR *BIRTHDAY* TO FIND OUT WHAT I GOT YOU!

AW, BUT THAT'S NOT UNTIL *TOMORROW* AND I'M *DYING* OF CURIOSITY!

TOUGH! YOU SHOULD— *=EEK!=*

HURRY, MEN! I WANT THESE CUSTOMERS *OUT* OF HERE AND THE BANK SECURED *IMMEDIATELY!*

CHIEF O'HARA! WHAT THE HECK'S *GOING ON?!*

HELLO, MICKEY! SORRY FOR BARGING IN LIKE THIS, BUT WE JUST GOT A PHONE TIP THAT *PETE* PLANS TO ROB THIS BANK TODAY!

HUH? BUT HE'S IN *PRISON,** ISN'T HE?!

*SEE "THE RIGHT MOUSE FOR THE JOB" (WDCS #637).

Um... WELL, HE AND HIS PARTNER *ESCAPED* A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO! WE KEPT IT *QUIET* BECAUSE OF THE *MYSTERIOUS* CIRCUMSTANCES!

MYSTERIOUS? OH, BOY! TELL ME *MORE!*

LATER! RIGHT NOW I WANT TO MAKE SURE THE *VAULT* IS SECURE!

HERE COMES MY BOSS, MR. STEADY! HE CAN *OPEN* IT FOR YOU!

I WAS HOPING WE WERE *RID* OF THAT SCOUNDREL WHEN YOU *CAPTURED* HIM LAST MONTH, MICKEY!

YEAH, BUT PETE'S LIKE A *BAD PENNY!* HE ALWAYS...

WALT DISNEY'S MICKEY MOUSE in The Great BIRTHDAY ROBBERY!

...TURNS UP?!

MORNIN', MOUSE! WHAT *KEPT* YA?

NICE OUTFIT, PETE, BUT *MAGICIAN'S TRICKS* WON'T GET YOU OUT OF THIS JAM! THE POLICE HAVE YOU *SURROUNDED!*

I KNOW! I CALLED 'EM!

YA SEE, I *WANTED* WITNESSES TA THE *SLICKEST* BANK JOB EVER! WATCH AS LIKE *MAGIC...*

...*POOF!* THE MONEY'S *GONE!*

!!!

AND LOOK! NOTHIN' UP MY *SLEEVE!*

OH, YEAH? LET'S SEE IF THERE'S ANY-THING BETWEEN YOUR *EARS!*

HAR HAR! YA CAN'T EVEN *TOUCH* ME, RUNT!

BUT I CAN TOUCH *YOU*— PLENTY!

=UNGH!=

KICK!

HANDS UP, PETE! OR I'LL HAVE TO ORDER MY MEN TO *OPEN FIRE!*

GO AHEAD AND *WASTE* YER BULLETS, COPPER! I WON'T *BE HERE* TO GREET 'EM!

I GOT *BETTER* THINGS TA DO! BEFORE THIS DAY IS OVER, I'LL HAVE *PLUNDERED* HALF O' THE CITY...

AND THERE AIN'T *NOTHIN'* YA CAN *DO* ABOUT IT! *HAR HAR HAR!*

UH-OH! I'VE GOT A BAD FEELING THAT HE JUST MAY BE *RIGHT!*

PETE SOON MAKES GOOD ON HIS BOAST! THROUGHOUT THE REST OF THE DAY, HE RAGES THROUGH DUCKBURG LIKE A CRIMINAL WHIRLWIND!

NOTHING IS SAFE FROM HIS GRASP—

AND NO-THING CAN BE DONE TO STOP HIM!

HAR HAR HAR! I MAY *LOOK* LIKE FOG, BUT EVEN A *HURRICANE* CAN'T BLOW ME AWAY!

WHOOSH!

WHOOSH!

TUESDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 17—

AND AFTER WE GET THE BALLOONS BLOWN UP, YOU CAN HELP ME MAKE YOUR *BIRTHDAY CAKE!*

UH HUH...

MICKEY MOUSE! I'LL THANK YOU TO *PAY ATTENTION!* AFTER ALL, IT'S *YOUR* BIRTHDAY PARTY WE'RE PLANNING!

I... I'M SORRY, MINNIE! IT'S JUST THAT...

DOGGONE IT! NORMALLY, I'D BE REALLY *JAZZED* ABOUT MY BIRTHDAY TOMORROW, BUT I CAN'T HELP THINKING ABOUT *PETE!*

REPORTERS HAVE STARTED CALLING HIM "*THE FOG*" NOW, YOU KNOW! AND JUST LIKE FOG, HE *DISAPPEARS* WITHOUT A *TRACE!*

YES, I HEARD THAT EVEN THOUGH SOME OF THE THINGS HE STOLE WERE BUGGED WITH *ELECTRONIC TRACKING DEVICES...*

...THE POLICE *STILL* COULDN'T GET A FIX ON *WHERE* HE DISAPPEARS TO!

DRAT! IT'S LIKE PETE'S HIDEOUT IS *SHIELDED* OR SOMETHING!

BUT HE'S *GOT* TO HAVE A *WEAKNESS* SOMEWHERE! AND SINCE I'VE KNOWN PETE *LONGER* THAN ANYBODY, IT'S UP TO *ME* TO FIND IT!

OH, NO IT'S *NOT,* BUSTER! LEAVE PETE TO THE *POLICE!* OR DID YOU FORGET YOU'VE GOT A *JOB* NOW?!

UH... WELL... THERE'S SOMETHING I'VE BEEN MEANING TO *TELL* YOU...

WHAT?!

I... I *QUIT* THIS MORNING!

AW, C'MON MINNIE! BE REASONABLE! EXCEPT FOR PETE'S ROBBERY, BEING A BANK GUARD WAS KIND OF *BORING!*

OH, SO IT WAS *BORING* WORKING WITH *ME?!*

Um... Er... *ANYWAY,* UNTIL PETE'S *CAUGHT,* YOU'LL BE OUT OF A JOB *TOO!* BANKS WITH NO MONEY DON'T NEED *TELLERS,* YOU KNOW!

THAT'S TRUE...

OKAY, I *FORGIVE* YOU! YOU MAY GO CHASE AFTER PETE!

=WHEW!=

BUT NOT UNTIL *AFTER* YOUR BIRTHDAY! YOU'VE GOT *GUESTS* COMING FOR DIN—

POP!

POP!

I'M *HURT,* MOUSE! *WOUNDED* TA THE CORE! HERE YER HAVIN' A *BIRTHDAY PARTY,* AND YA DIDN'T INVITE *ME!*

YEAH, YEAH! DRY THE *CROCODILE TEARS,* YOU BIG PHONEY! I'M BETTING YOU ONLY CAME HERE TO *GLOAT!*

NAH! TRUTH IS, I'M A LITTLE *BORED!* ORDINARY ROBBIN' IS SO *EASY* NOW THAT I'VE DECIDED TA *BRANCH* OUT!

I'VE DECIDED TA *STEAL YER BIRTHDAY!*

POP!

TA START WITH, I VISITED YER FRIENDS AND SWIPED ALL YER *BIRTHDAY PRESENTS!*

OH, THAT'S *LOW*, PETE, EVEN FOR *YOU!*

RECOGNIZE *THIS* ONE, SWEETHEART?

YOU BEAST! THAT WAS HIDDEN IN MY *UNDERWEAR DRAWER!*

DO SOMETHING, MICKEY!

HAR! HE *CAN'T!* NOT AS LONG AS I'M WEARIN' THIS HERE *DEMATERIALIZIN' CLOAK!* AND I *NEVER* TAKE IT OFF!

I TELL YA, GLOMIN' ONTO *DEXIE DINGUS* WAS THE SMARTEST THING I EVER DID— EVEN IF HE *IS* A #@%* PAIN IN THE BUTT!

!

GET *REAL*, PETE! GIVEN HALF A CHANCE, I'LL *CATCH* YOU! I *ALWAYS* DO!

OH, YEAH, WISE GUY? I'LL GIVE YA A *FULL* CHANCE, AND YOU'LL *STILL* FALL FLAT ON YER FACE!

I'LL LET YA IN ON A *SECRET!* I'M CLEANIN' OUT THE *MINT* TOMORROW MORNIN' AT NINE SHARP! *BE THERE* AND CATCH ME— IF YA *CAN!*

YOU'RE *ON!*

OTHERWISE, I'LL BE BACK LATER TA *CRASH* YER BIRTHDAY PARTY! HAR HAR HAR!

OH BOY, MINNIE! THAT BIG LUG JUST TOLD ME WHAT HIS *WEAKNESS* IS, AND HOW TO *FIND* IT!

?

WEDNESDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 18, 9:00 AM—

HELLO, PETE! THE NEWLY MINTED MONEY'S ALL *READY* FOR YOU! JUST TAKE IT AND GO!

SAY! WHAT'S THE *GAG?* WHERE'S THE *MOUSE?!*

DUCKBURG M

NO GAG! THE MAYOR'S HOPING THIS WILL BE *ENOUGH* FOR YOU! HE ORDERED ME TO *BEG* YOU TO LEAVE DUCKBURG ALONE!

HAR! *MAYBE* IF HE SAYS "PRETTY PLEASE WITH SUGAR ON TOP!"

AS FOR *MICKEY,* WELL, HE... HE DECIDED TO *LEAVE TOWN!*

YA... YA MEAN HE TURNED *YELLER* AND *RAN?!*

HAR HAR HAR HAR! THE GREAT MICKEY MOUSE— A *COWARD!*

HO HO HO! WHO'D A *THUNK* IT?!

GO AHEAD AND *LAUGH,* YOU BIG OAF! BUT YOU JUST BROUGHT ME RIGHT WHERE I *WANT* TO BE— YOUR *HIDEOUT!*

=SNICKER!= I THINK I'LL GO LOOT THE *MAYOR'S* HOUSE NOW!

WHAT LUCK! WHILE HE'S AWAY, I'LL HAVE A CHANCE TO GET MY HANDS ON HIS *WEAKNESS*...

...*DEXTER DINGUS!* I FIGURE THE *INVENTOR* OF THE DEMATERIALIZING CLOAK CAN TELL ME HOW TO *DEFEAT* IT!

THE ONLY *TRICK* IS TO GET DEXTER TO *CO-OPERATE!* LUCKILY, THOSE TWO CROOKS *HATE* EACH OTHER!

SO MAYBE HE'LL TURN ON PETE IF I TELL HIM THAT PETE'S PLANNING A *DOUBLE-CROSS!* IT'S PROBABLY *TRUE* ANYWAY!

I *KNEW* YA WOULDN'T DISAPPOINT ME, RUNT!

!!!

HAR HAR! I'D WISH YA A *HAPPY BIRTHDAY,* BUT YA'D KNOW I'D BE *LYIN'!*

=FUME!=

HIYA, DEXIE! LOOKIE WHAT THE *CAT DRAGGED IN!*

*$#%! WHAT DID YOU BRING *HIM* HERE FOR?!

YOU DUMB OX! HE'S NOTHING BUT *TROUBLE!* YOU'VE GOT TO GET *RID* OF HIM— *IMMEDIATELY!*

DON'T TELL *ME* WHAT TA DO, *DEXIE!* I'M SO *SICK* O' YER *LIP,* I'D JUST AS SOON GET RID O' *YOU!*

AND JUST FOR *BACKTALKIN'* ME, WE'RE NOW SPLITTIN' THE LOOT *90-10!* AND GUESS *WHO* GETS THE *LION'S* SHARE?!

WHY, YOU *DOUBLE-CROSSING—!!!* I'LL... I'LL...

YOU'LL *WHAT?* I *KNOW* YOU CAN *STOP* ME, BUT I *ALSO* KNOW YOU AIN'T GOT THE *GUTS* TA TRY!

GRRR...

WOW! IT'S SMALL CONSOLATION *NOW,* BUT AT LEAST I KNOW MY PLAN *WOULD* HAVE WORKED!

I'M *HUNGRY!* GO RUSTLE ME UP SOME GRUB WHILE I *TAKE CARE OF* OUR "GUEST"!

YOU CAN COOL YER HEELS IN HERE AMONGST YER *BIRTHDAY PRESENTS,* MOUSE! I'VE THOUGHTFULLY *OPENED* 'EM FOR YA!

=OOF!=

I'LL BE BACK TA GET YA *TONIGHT!* YA SEE, I'M GONNA *TAKE* YA TO YER *BIRTHDAY PARTY...*

...WHERE *I'LL* BE THE GUEST O' HONOR, AND *YOU'LL* BE JUST ANOTHER *BROKEN* TOY!

NOW *THAT'S* WHAT I CALL *STEALIN' A BIRTHDAY!* HAR HAR *HAR!*

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SLAM!

=SIGH!= SOME BIRTHDAY *THIS* TURNED OUT TO BE! LOOKS LIKE PETE'S *FINALLY* GOING TO FINISH ME OFF!

JUNIOR DETECTIVE

BUT WHAT ABOUT MY *FRIENDS?* WHAT IF THEY TRY TO STOP PETE AND GET *HURT* IN THE PROCESS?!

GOOD OL' *GOOFY!* THAT POCKET FISHING POLE'S *GOT* TO BE FROM HIM! HE *ALWAYS* GETS ME JUST WHAT I WANT!

HORACE, ON THE OTHER HAND, ALWAYS GETS ME A *GAG* GIFT! *JUNIOR* DETECTIVE KIT *INDEED!*

JUNIOR DETECTIVE KIT

THEN THERE'S *CLARABELLE!* SHE *MEANS* WELL, BUT SHE'S NEVER YET MANAGED TO KNIT A SWEATER THAT *FITS!*

AND *MINNIE*— GOSH! IT'S EASY TO SEE *WHY* I DIDN'T NOTICE THAT SOMEONE TOOK THAT PICTURE!

MY FRIENDS...

SORRY, MINNIE...

CRACK!

...BUT I JUST REALIZED I *CAN* GET OUT OF THIS JAM— WITH A LITTLE *HELP* FROM MY *FRIENDS!*

JUNIOR DETECTIVE

SHORTLY—

GOING SOMEWHERE, DEXTER?

≠GASP!≠ YOU! HOW DID YOU *ESCAPE*?!

NOT THAT *I* CARE! I'M TAKING ALL THE *CASH* I CAN CARRY AND *SKIPPING OUT* WHILE PETE'S OFF LOOTING WHAT'S LEFT IN DUCKBURG!

DON'T EVEN *THINK* ABOUT TRYING TO STOP ME!

OH, I *WON'T*— *IF* YOU'LL TELL ME HOW I CAN GET MY *HANDS* ON PETE!

HA! *WHY NOT?!* I'LL BE *GLAD* TO SEE THAT NO-GOOD DOUBLE-CROSSER GET WHAT'S *COMING* TO HIM!

HUH? A BLANKET?

NO, IT'S THE *DEMATERIALIZING CLOAK* WE USED TO *ESCAPE* FROM PRISON! IT DOESN'T HAVE AS MUCH *RANGE* AS PETE'S CLOAK...

...BUT IF YOU TURN IT ON AND *PASS THROUGH* PETE WHILE YOU'RE *BOTH FOG*, THE CROSSED CIRCUITS WILL *SHORT OUT* BOTH CLOAKS!

WOW! PRETTY *SLICK!*

HEY, *WAIT A MINUTE!* IF IT'S *THAT* EASY, WHY DIDN'T *YOU* TAKE OUT PETE AND KEEP ALL THE LOOT FOR *YOURSELF!*

WELL, PARTLY BECAUSE PETE'S *RIGHT*— I *DON'T* HAVE THE GUTS TO STAND UP TO HIM!

BUT MOSTLY BECAUSE THERE'S A *CHANCE* THE SHORT CIRCUIT WILL *KILL* BOTH OF YOU!

!

A FEW HOURS LATER—

WELL, THAT WAS A BARREL O' LAUGHS, BUT NOW IT'S DOWN TO *BIZNESS!* I DON'T WANNA BE *LATE* FOR THE MOUSE'S *FAREWELL PARTY!*

SORRY, PETE...

?!

...BUT YOUR PARTY PLANS ARE A LITTLE *UP IN THE AIR* RIGHT NOW!

SURRENDER! TAKE OFF YOUR CLOAK OR SUFFER THE *CONSEQUENCES!* WHEN YOU HEAR WHAT *DEXTER* SAID, YOU'LL—

YEAH, YEAH! I *KNOW* WHAT YER PLANNING TA DO! THAT WIMP DEXIE *THREATENED* TA DO IT TILL HE LOST HIS *NERVE!*

BUT DEXIE SAID THERE'S ONLY A *CHANCE* THAT A PASS THROUGH WILL KILL US...

PETE!

...AND THAT'S A CHANCE I'M WILLIN' TA *TAKE!*

OOOH... I'M NOT SURE IF I *SURVIVED* THAT NUMBER OR NOT!

=GROAN!=

#$%# *MOUSE!* WHEN *I'M* THROUGH WITH YOU, YOU'LL *WISH* YOU WERE DEAD!

NOT SO *FAST*, PETE! I *KNEW* SHORTING OUT YOUR CLOAK WAS ONLY *HALF* THE BATTLE!

JAM!

AAARGH!

THAT'S WHY I *ARMED* MYSELF WITH THE ONLY *WEAPONS* AT HAND— MY *BIRTH-DAY PRESENTS!*

YAHOO! WAIT TILL I TELL GOOFY THAT YOU *FELL* FOR HIS PRESENT— HOOK, LINE, *AND* SINKER!

CONK!

=HEH!= THESE MAY ONLY BE *JUNIOR* HANDCUFFS, BUT THEY'LL HOLD YOU TILL O'HARA CAN GET HERE WITH THE *OFFICIAL* ISSUE!

CLICK!

THERE! *THAT'LL* TEACH YOU TO TRY AND STEAL *MY* BIRTHDAY!

AND SO, WEDNESDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 18, MICKEY HAS A HAPPY BIRTHDAY AFTER ALL, AND A WHALE OF A STORY TO TELL—

...SO BY NOW, PETE AND DEXTER ARE BACK IN *PRISON*— IN *SOLITARY CONFINEMENT* THIS TIME! BOTH OF THEM *BEGGED* FOR IT!

WAIT! HOW DID THE POLICE CATCH *DEXTER*? I THOUGHT YOU HAD TO LET HIM *GO*!

I *DID!* BUT THERE WAS A *BUG* PLANTED IN THE MONEY HE TOOK, AND IT *GAVE HIM AWAY* AS SOON AS THE SAP *LEFT* THE HIDEOUT HE SHIELDED!

ANYWAY, *THANKS AGAIN* FOR YOUR WONDERFUL *PRESENTS*! THEY'RE *EXACTLY* WHAT I WANTED THIS YEAR!

BUT, GEE... I'M REAL *SORRY* I HAD TO *BREAK* YOUR PRESENT MINNIE! I'LL GET NEW GLASS PUT IN TOMORROW!

I'LL DO IT! YOU'LL BE *BUSY* WITH THE *NEW* PRESENT I GOT YOU!

WHAT THE—?! MINNIE, YOU'RE *INCORRIGIBLE!*

=TEE-HEE!=

LOOK, EVERYONE! SHE GOT ME THE "*HELP WANTED*" SECTION OF THE NEWSPAPER!

WOOF!

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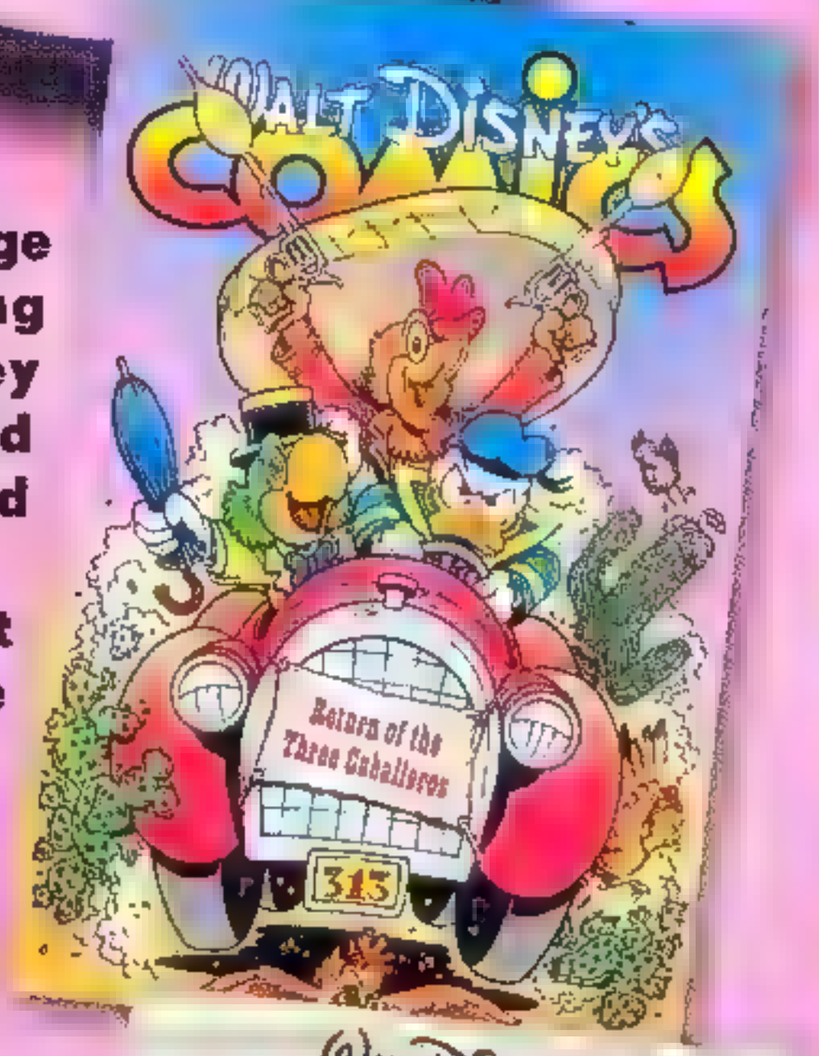

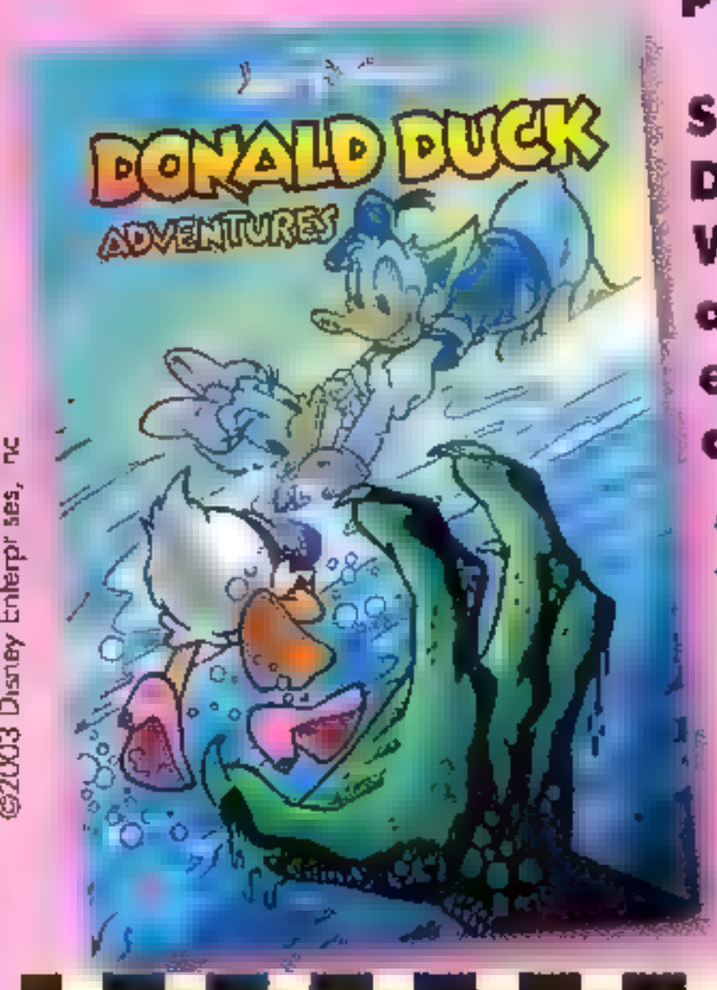

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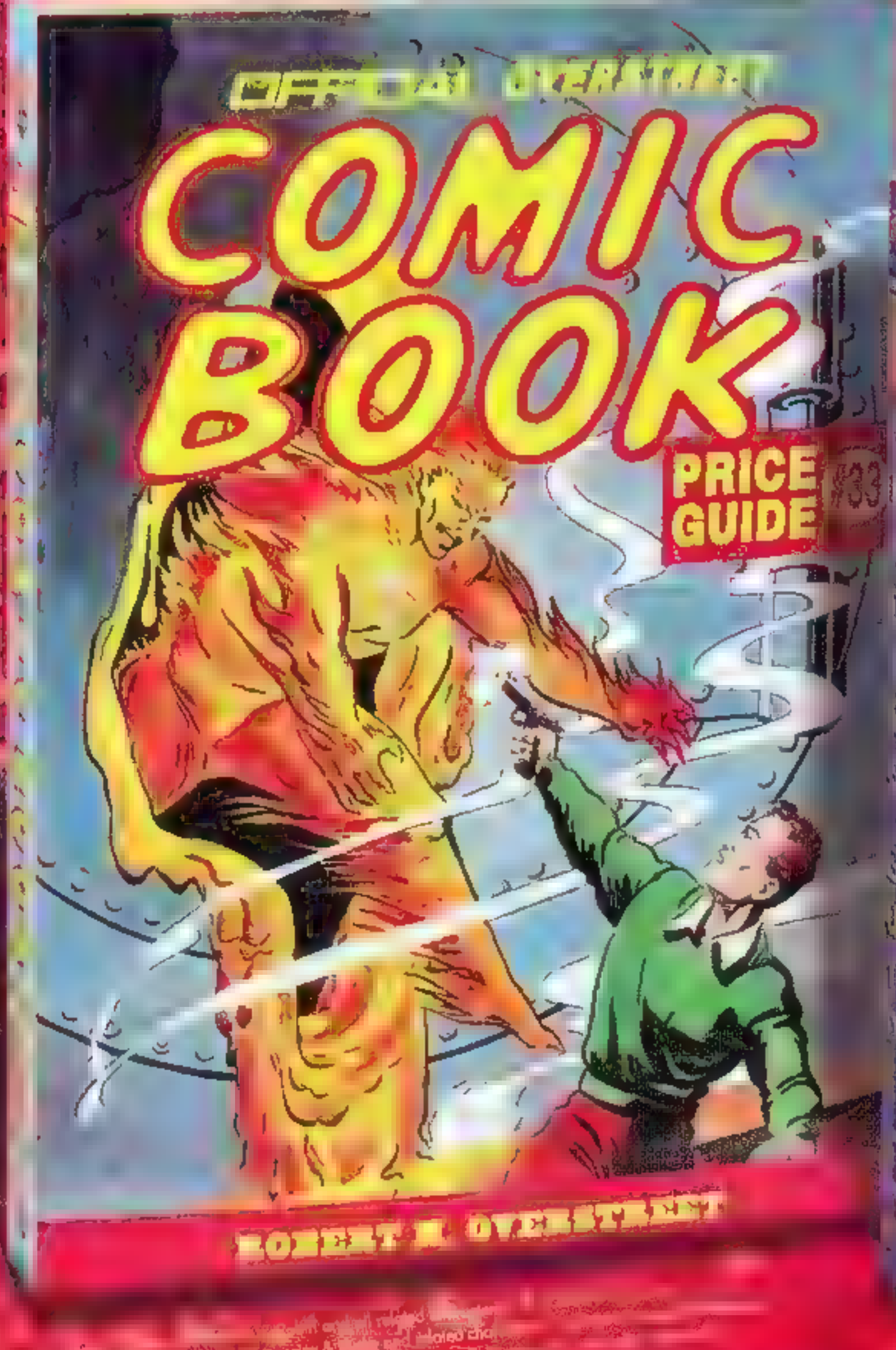

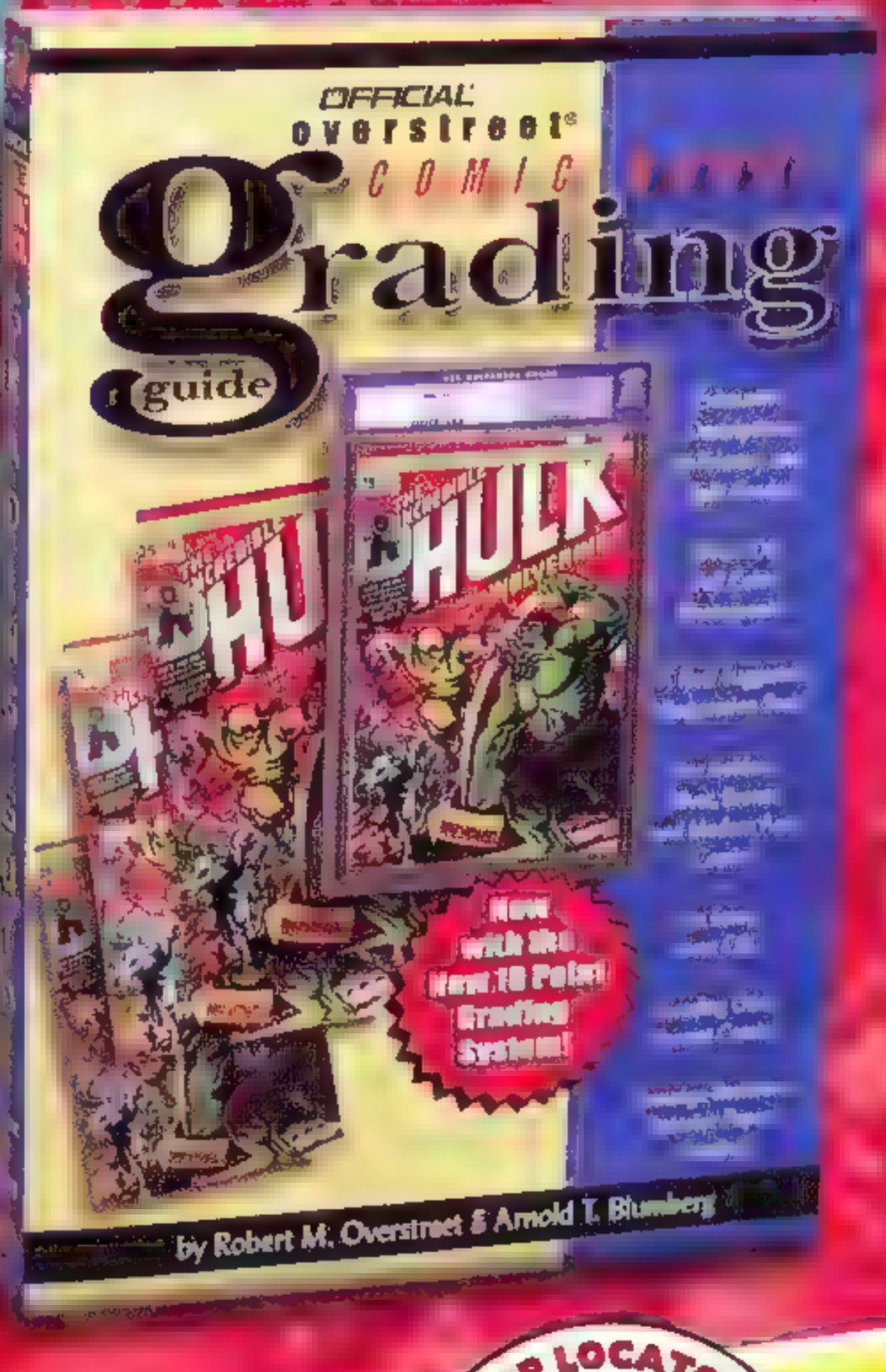

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SKREESH SKREE

THE AMAZING LOUIE

(AND HIS ASSISTANT DISPOSABLE DEWEY)

D/E 2001-002

AND THERE YOU HAVE IT--ACROSS THE *GREAT DIVIDE!* A DOUBLE-DECKER DUCK! ONE PART *HERE*...

...AND THE OTHER TO THE *SIDE!*

BOYS, I'D SAY THAT WAS INCREDIBLE...

...IF IT WASN'T FOR *THIS!*

-:HEE HEE!:-

MAGIC? HAH! THERE'S NO SUCH THING!

=HEE! HEE!= THERE IS TOO!

AND WE'RE GOING TO BE REAL MAGICIANS... JUST AS SOON AS OUR NEW MAGIC KIT ARRIVES!

THAT REMINDS ME! THIS PACKAGE ARRIVED FOR YOU THIS MORNING AND--

IT'S HERE!

OUR WIZZO SUPER-DELUXO SORCERER SUPREME MAGIC KIT!

WE CAN DO REAL MAGIC WITH IT! NOT JUST TRICKS!

IT'S TRUE! WE READ ALL ABOUT IT IN AN AD IN ONE OF THESE COMIC BOOKS!

RIP

OH, MY! THEN IT MUST BE REAL! AFTER ALL, NOTHING EVER APPEARS IN A COMIC BOOK UNLESS IT'S 100-PERCENT TRUE! RIGHT, BOYS?

COWBOY ROBOTS

Dragons & Damsels

=GULP!= I SURE HOPE SO! OTHERWISE, THERE'S BEEN A BIG MISTAKE!

AND IT LOOKS LIKE WE MADE IT! THERE'S NOTHING HERE BUT...

THIS!

THE MAGIC KIT!

WHY'D IT GET SHIPPED IN SUCH A *BIG* BOX?

IT MUST BE TO *PROTECT* ALL THE *POWERFUL* MAGIC ITEMS IN IT LIKE...

...BOTTLES OF *INK* AND SOME *OLD-FASHIONED PENS???*

THERE'S A NOTE!

"THE SECRET TO MAGIC IS *BELIEVING EVERY-THING*--AND *NOTHING*--AT THE *SAME* TIME!"

"SO *DARE* TO DREAM THE IMPOSSIBLE DREAM..."

"...AND WITH A *LITTLE MAGIC* IT CAN COME TRUE!"

HAW! IF *THAT'S* MAGIC, I'M A WEB-FOOTED *WITCH DOCTOR!*

FACE IT, KIDS! YOU'VE BEEN *FLIMFLAMMED!*

MAYBE SO! BUT WE'LL GET OUR MONEY'S WORTH... *SOMEHOW!*

SURE! *NOTHING'S IMPOSSIBLE!* THAT'S WHAT MAGIC IS ALL ABOUT!

ALL IT TAKES IS SOME *IMAGINATION!*

AND WE'VE GOT *PLENTY!*

UNLIKE *YOU*, UNCA DONALD!

ME? NO IMAGINATION? →SNARL!← OH, THAT IS FUNNY! HA! HA!

AND *HA!*

PREPARE TO BE *AMAZED*, YOU MIDGET MERLINS!

I'M GONNA CREATE SOMETHING WITH *SO MUCH IMAGINATION*, IT'LL MAKE YOUR BRAINS *ACHE* JUST TO *LOOK* AT IT!

SLAAAM

THE *NERVE* OF THOSE KIDS! I'LL *SHOW* 'EM! I'LL WHIP OUT A *MASTERPIECE* BEFORE THEY CAN EVEN GET THE CAPS OFF THEIR INK BOTTLES!

FOR A GENIUS LIKE *ME*, THIS SHOULDN'T TAKE MORE THAN A *MINUTE!* NOW LET'S SEE... WHAT SHALL I CREATE?

ALAS! MANY MINUTES LATER--

-=*GRR!*=- RAMPAGING ROBOTS! POLKA-DOTTED DRAGONS! *TALKIN' ANIMALS* THAT ACT LIKE PEOPLE! IT'S *ALL* BEEN DONE BEFORE!

SCRUNCH

HOW DOES ANYONE *EVER* COME UP WITH SOMETHING NEW? *WHERE* DO THEY GET THEIR *IDEAS?*

LO AND BEHOLD INSPIRATION STRIKES--

WHOOMP!

THESE SILLY COMICS THE KIDS READ... THEY'RE *LOADED* WITH IDEAS! HM...

HEH! HEH! I'LL JUST TAKE THE IDEAS AND *MIX THEM TOGETHER!* I'LL BET NOBODY'S *EVER* DONE *THAT* BEFORE!

ONLY A *GENIUS* LIKE *ME* WOULD THINK OF IT!

MEANWHILE THE BOYS ARE BUSY CREATING THEIR OWN COMIC BOOK MASTERPIECES--

OH THE DRAMA! OH THE *HEARTACHE!* OH THE SWEEPING PATHOS OF IT ALL! TRULY THIS IS GOING TO BE THE *GREATEST STORY* EVER WRITTEN!

OH, *BROTHER!*

LAY OFF WITH THE DOOM AND GLOOM, SHAKESPEARE! WE'RE CREATING COMIC BOOKS--*NOT* MACBETH!

BESIDES, IT'S MY *ART* THAT'S IMPORTANT! LOOK AT THIS *COOL* DRAWING OF SIR LUCKALOT AND MAID LOVELORN!

NOT BAD! BUT IT *PALES* BESIDE THE COMIC GRANDEUR OF MY *MERLOON* THE MIXED-UP MAGE! THE *WACKIEST WIZARD* THIS SIDE OF OZ!

I *RESENT* THAT, YOU FEATHERED *FIEND!*

?!?

HOW *DARE* YOU IMPLY THAT THE MAGNIFICENT MERLOON IS *MIXED UP!* IT'S *OUTRAGEOUS!*

Y-Y-YOU'RE *ALIVE!!!*

OF COURSE, I'M ALIVE! YOU USED *MAGIC INK,* DIDN'T YOU?

WHAT'S THE *MATTER?* DON'T YOU *BELIEVE* IN MAGIC?

WELL, SURE! BUT...

DON'T **BOTHER** APOLOGIZING! IT'S **TOO LATE!** I'M TURNING YOU MEDDLING AMATEURS INTO **FROGS!**

EYE OF NEWT AND TONGUE OF CLAM! ADD AN EYEBROW FROM A RAM! NEXT STIR IN SOME HAIR OF HOG! NOW BEGONE! BECOME A...

"...FROG!"

WHOOSH!

JUMPIN' LILY PADS! NOTHING HAPPENED! I MUST BE LOSING MY TOUCH!

YOU THINK **YOU'VE** GOT PROBLEMS? WHAT ABOUT **US?**

WE'RE **SUPPOSED** TO BE IN **LOVE!**

BUT THANKS TO YOUR SO-CALLED STORYLINE, WE'VE **NEVER** EVEN **KISSED!**

WHAT KIND OF A ROMANCE IS **THAT?**

I DEMAND A LIP-SMACKING, HEART-THROBBING **SMOOCH-FEST** WITH THE MAN I **ADORE!** MY **SOLE** SOUL MATE! MY **REASON** FOR LIVING! MY DARLING **LUCKALOT!**

AND I DEMAND...HMM, WELL... **ACTUALLY,** I'LL KISS **ANYONE!** I'M NOT PARTICULAR!

WHAT?!!

WHOMP

CAD!

WHAPP

OH, MY! I JUST HAD AN *AWFUL* THOUGHT! IF WE'RE HAVING THIS MUCH TROUBLE...

...WHAT SORT OF MESS IS *UNCA DONALD* IN?

WHAT INDEED?

RUN FOR YOUR LIVES! *MELVIN'S* COMING!

MELVIN? WHO'S *MELVIN?*

I'M MELVIN!

AND SO AM *I!*

AND WE'RE *EVIL!* HORRIBLY, FRIGHTENINGLY EVIL! ISN'T THAT RIGHT, MELVIN?

OH, *ABSOLUTELY,* MELVIN! WE'RE ROTTEN THROUGH AND THROUGH!

OF COURSE, IT'S NOT *OUR* FAULTS! GIVEN OUR *CHOICE* WE'D BE EVER SO *NICE!*

IT'S *HIS* FAULT! HE *DREW US BAD!*

B-B-BUT... I...UH...

STAND ASIDE, DUCK! THIS IRON-PLATED MONSTROSITY IS NO MATCH FOR ME! I AM THE DOOM THAT HAUNTS A DRAGON'S NIGHTMARES!

INDEED, A SERPENT SO SMALL IS ALMOST TOO PUNY FOR ME!

US PUNY? MELVIN, WE'VE BEEN INSULTED!

RIGHT YOU ARE, MELVIN! AND THERE'S ONLY ONE THING TO DO ABOUT IT!

OH, HOW I YEARN FOR A CHALLENGE BIG ENOUGH FOR THE AMAZING MAGNIFICENCE THAT IS ME!

IS THIS BIG ENOUGH DO YOU THINK?

MAYBE WE SHOULD GROW A LITTLE MORE! AFTER ALL, WE WOULDN'T WANT YOU TO...

...DIE OF BOREDOM!

ME? BORED? WHAT A SILLY THOUGHT!

Gizzick

CLANG!

I'VE GOT AN EVEN *SILLIER* THOUGHT, YOU CLANKING COWARD!

SUCH AS?

WOMEN AND FROGS FIRST!

SAFE AT LAST!

TOO BAD *WE* CAN'T FIT IN THERE AS WELL!

THIS IS THE *END*, BOYS! MELVIN IS *UNSTOPPABLE!* I SHOULD KNOW-- I *DREW* HIM!

OH, YEAH? WELL, I CAN DRAW SOMETHING *EVEN BETTER!*

SUCH AS?

AN *ESCAPE HOLE!*

WHERE ARE WE? THERE'S *NOTHING* HERE!

OF COURSE NOT! WE'RE INSIDE A *HOLE!* AND THERE'S *NOTHING* INSIDE A HOLE...

...AT LEAST, NOT UNTIL WE *PUT* IT THERE!

JEEPERS! THIS PLACE SURE ISN'T MUCH WHEN IT COMES TO *DECORATIONS!*

IT'S DOWNRIGHT *CREEPY!*

ARE YOU *KIDDING?* THIS IS *GREAT!* ALL THE *COMFORTS* OF HOME--AND *NONE* OF THE *HASSLES!*

BUT UNCA DONALD, WE CAN'T STAY HERE *FOREVER!* WHAT ARE WE GOING TO *DO?*

WHO CARES? AT LEAST WE'RE *SAFE!*

ARE YOU *SURE* ABOUT THAT?

YOU DON'T LOOK SAFE TO *ME!*

BUT YOU DO LOOK *DELICIOUS!*

THEY SURE DO! BUT...

...I THINK *ONE OF US* NEEDS TO GO ON A DIET!

WELL THAT'S EASILY FIXED! A *SIMPLE CLICK* OF A BUTTON AND...

VIOLA! INSTANT WEIGHT LOSS!

WE MADE IT! WE'RE IN!

THESE DIETS ALWAYS MAKE ME SO *HUNGRY!*

ROAST DUCK! *YUM!*

QUICK! UP THESE STAIRS!

GOOD THING I DREW THIS *SHIELD!*

WE *CAN'T* KEEP THIS UP FOREVER!

WE WON'T HAVE TO! *DEWEY*--DRAW US AN *EXIT HOLE!*

AND WHILE YOU DO THAT, I'LL TRY TO *DISCOURAGE* MELVIN...

JAB!

...FROM *FOLLOWING* US!

OUR *GROWTH BUTTON!*

YOU *PUSHED* IT!

NOW MELVIN'S *TOO BIG* TO GET THROUGH THE HOLE!

THEN WHAT ARE WE *WAITING* FOR?

GREAT! WE'RE HOME!

BUT WE'RE NOT SAFE! *NOT YET!*

THAT'S RIGHT, DUCKS! WE CAN EASILY *SHRINK* OURSELVES! WE'LL HAVE OUR DUCK DINNER *YET!*

ALL WE NEED IS A *MOMENT* TO PUSH OUR BUTTON!

YOU'RE OUT OF TIME, YOU *TIN-CAN LIZARD!* I INVENTED YOU AND NOW I'M GOING TO *UN-INVENT* YOU--

--WITH *THIS!*

AN *ELECTRO-MAGNETIC INK MAGNET!*

I HOPE!

CLICK

SLURP

÷EAAKK!÷ STOP! IT ISN'T FAIR! WE DIDN'T EVEN GET A CHANCE TO *EAT* ANYONE!

AND I'M SO...

HUNGRY!

FLOOP!

THE MAGNET SLURPED UP EVERY BIT OF INK-- *INCLUDING ITSELF!*

POOF

GOSH! DOES THIS MEAN MELVIN'S *DEAD?*

NO! OF *COURSE* NOT!

MELVIN! LUCKALOT! LADY LOVELORN! MERLOON! THEY'RE *ALL* STILL IN THERE *WAITING* TO COME OUT!

AND WHO KNOWS *WHO* OR *WHAT ELSE* IS IN THERE?

BOYS, WE CAN ONLY *IMAGINE!*

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WHAT'SA MATTER WITH YOU, BOY? *RUN*, DON'T RIDE!

MUST BE SOME KINDA *NUT*!

GREETINGS, DON... IT'S ME, FETHRY!

BUT... BUT... I JUST GOT YOUR TELEGRAM!

I JUST *RAN* FROM THE AIRPORT TO GET THE KINKS OUT OF MY LEGS!

YEAH, BUT THAT'S TWENTY MILES AWAY!

THAT'S WHAT I WANT TO SHOW YOU... MY NEW WAY OF LIFE! IT'LL GIVE YOU THE SPARK TO KINDLE THE FIRE!

HOLD IT, COUSIN! JUST RELAX, AND I'LL FIX YOU SOME LUNCH! YOU MUST BE HUNGRY AFTER YOUR TRIP!

TELL ME ALL ABOUT IT WHILE WE EAT!

WONDER WHAT HIS KICK IS THIS TIME?

OKAY, FETHRY! COME AND GET IT--

FETHRY! WHERE THE BLAZES ARE YOU?

HERE I AM!

WAK!

WHAT ARE YOU *DOING* DOWN THERE?

READING! WHAT DOES IT *LOOK* LIKE?

WELL! ASK A SILLY QUESTION...

IT COULD BE HEREDITARY... AND HE *IS* MY COUSIN!

YESSIREE, DON! THIS BOOK IS THE KEY THAT WILL OPEN COMPLETELY NEW VISTAS FOR YOU! IT'S CALLED "HEALTH CAN BE FUN"! IT WAS WRITTEN BY A YOUNG DOCTOR NAMED OBIT DECEASED... REST HIS SOUL! HIS SON AND HEIR IS GOING TO WRITE A SEQUEL TO IT!

HEALTH CAN BE FUN

I SUPPOSE YOU'RE WONDERING WHY I WAS STANDING ON MY HEAD...

I WISH HE WOULDN'T TALK ABOUT IT!

ACCORDING TO DOCTOR OBIT, IT CARRIES THE BLOOD FROM THE VISCARIS TO THE CRANIUM, CAUSING COMPLETE RELAXATION! SO, STAND ON THE HEAD!

IS THAT WHY YOU WEAR A STOCKING CAP?

YES, AND I'M GLAD YOU BROUGHT THAT UP!

ACCORDING TO THE BOOK, A HOT HEAD IS FAR HEALTHIER THAN A COOL HEAD!

HEALTH CAN BE FUN

FORGET THE BOOK! LET'S TEAR INTO SOME LUNCH!

→*GASP!*← WHAT IS THE *MEANING* OF *THIS*?

THIS LUNCH IS ABSOLUTELY OUT OF THE QUESTION! I'LL FIX SOMETHING ORGANIC AFTER OUR CONSTITUTIONAL!

AFTER OUR WHAT?!

FOLLOW ME, DONALD! WE'RE GOING ON A TEN-MILE HIKE THAT WILL ACTIVATE YOUR TASTE BUDS!

GUESS I'LL HAVE TO GO ALONG! HE IS MY GUEST...

SOON!

DINE AT MOTHER CAREY'S

CHICKEN HOUSE

THESE HIKES DO ACTIVATE YOUR TASTE BUDS!

EAT

STEAKS

FINE FOOD 1/2 MILE

HUP-TWOP-THREEP-FOURP! HUP-HUP-HUP-HUP!

NOW THE ONLY STRENGTH I HAVE LEFT IS IN MY TASTE BUDS!

YESSIREE, DON! A FEW MORE DAYS OF THIS AND YOU'LL BE A NEW DUCK! ALERT AND AWARE, FULLY--

HUH? DONALD, WHERE ARE YOU?

OH, NO YOU DON'T!

SLURP...

ZOOM!

YOU CAN'T DO THAT TO ME!

IT'S DONE, DONE, DONALD OLD BOY! YOU'RE NOW ON THE ROAD TO HEALTH AND HAPPINESS!

IT'S JUST FIVE MILES MORE... WE'LL JOG THE REST OF THE WAY!

HELP!

VOTE EARLY AND VOTE OFTEN

ANON!

YOU JUST SIT IN THAT LOTUS POSITION AND THINK "HEALTH"! I'LL FIX LUNCH!

DO HURRY!

SOYBEANS, SEAWEED, BIRD CHIRPS, SUNFLOWER SEEDS... OOH, I'M GETTING HUNGRY JUST *LOOKING* AT IT!

COME 'N' GET IT!

YOWEE! FOOD!

-:OOF!:-

WHAT'S THE MATTER?

I'M *STUCK!* THAT LOTUS HAS GOT ME IN JUXTAPOSITION!

WHAT A KNOT THAT NUT GOT ME INTO!

DRINK THIS! IT'LL STRAIGHTEN YOU UP IN NO TIME!

I'LL TRY ANYTHING!

-:GLUG! GLUG!:-

GYARGH!

SEE HOW WELL IT WORKS?

THAT WAS AN OXTAIL COCKTAIL... LET'S EAT NOW!

EAT! NOW YOU'RE TALKING!

I KNEW THAT WOULD BRING YOU OUT OF IT! "EAT" IS PSYCHOLOGICALLY A GOOD WORD!

AND WHAT IS *THIS?*

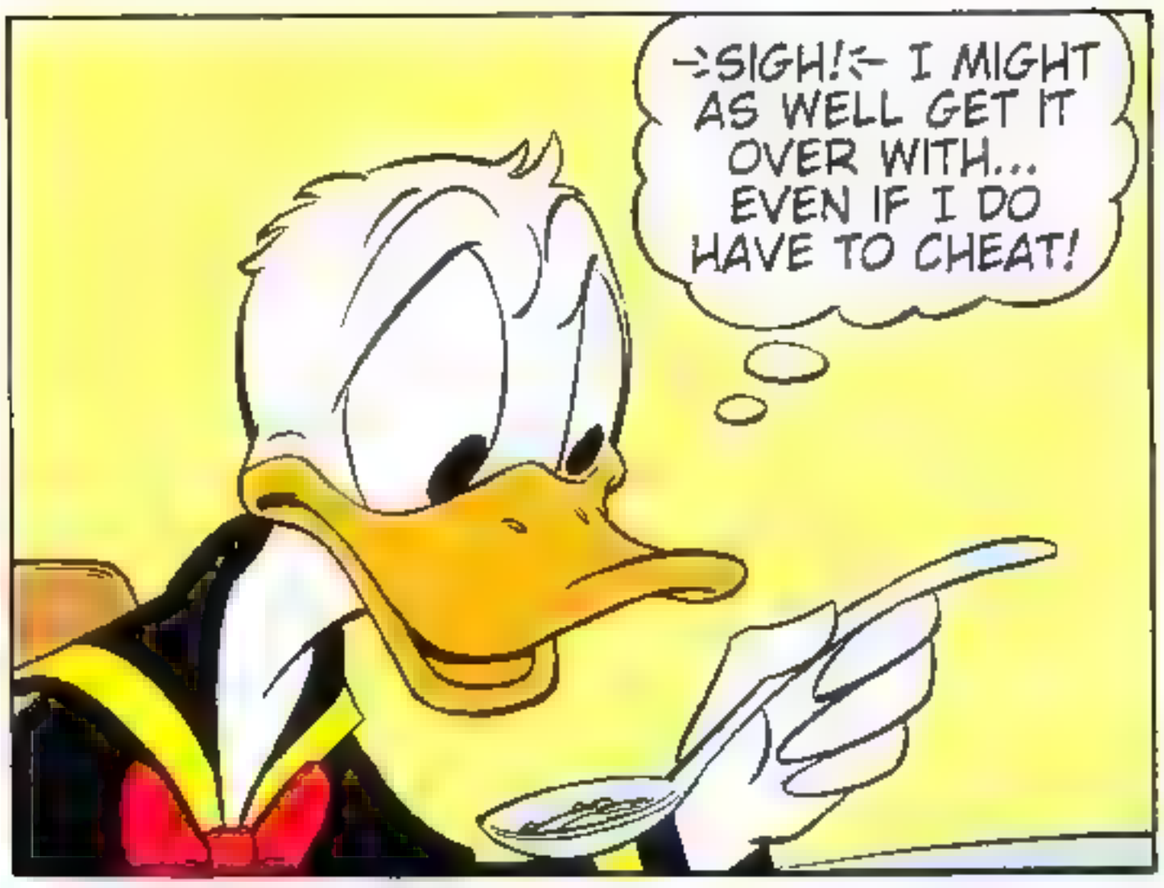
WHY, IT'S *DINNER*, RIGHT OUT OF DOCTOR OBIT'S COOKBOOK! STUFFED SEAWEED, ALFALFA ALKALI... DOESN'T IT MAKE YOUR MOUTH WATER?

IT MAKES MY *EYES* WATER!

HEALTH CAN BE FUN

AN OXTAIL COCKTAIL TOAST, COUSIN DONALD!

OH, NO! *NO!* ONE WAS ENOUGH! I KNOW MY LIMIT!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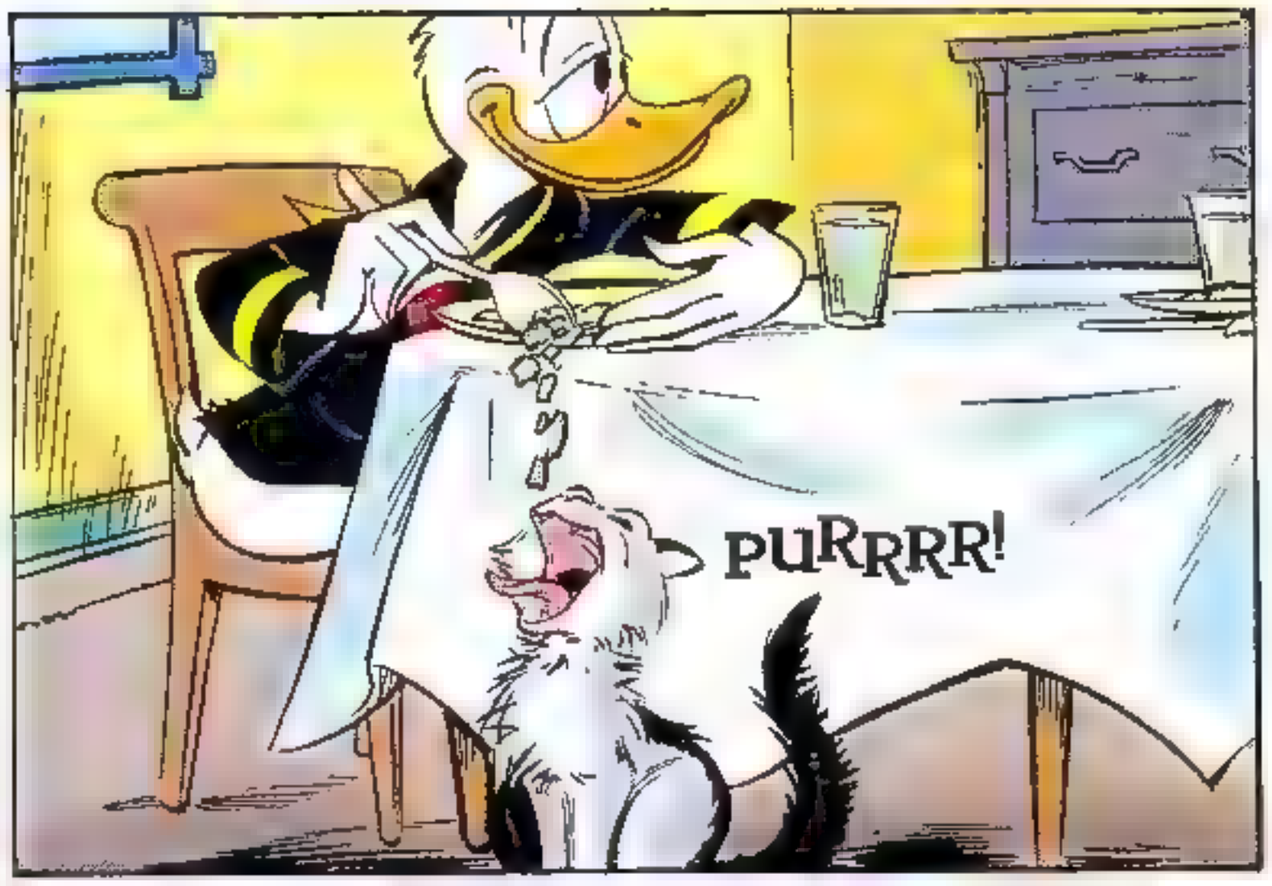
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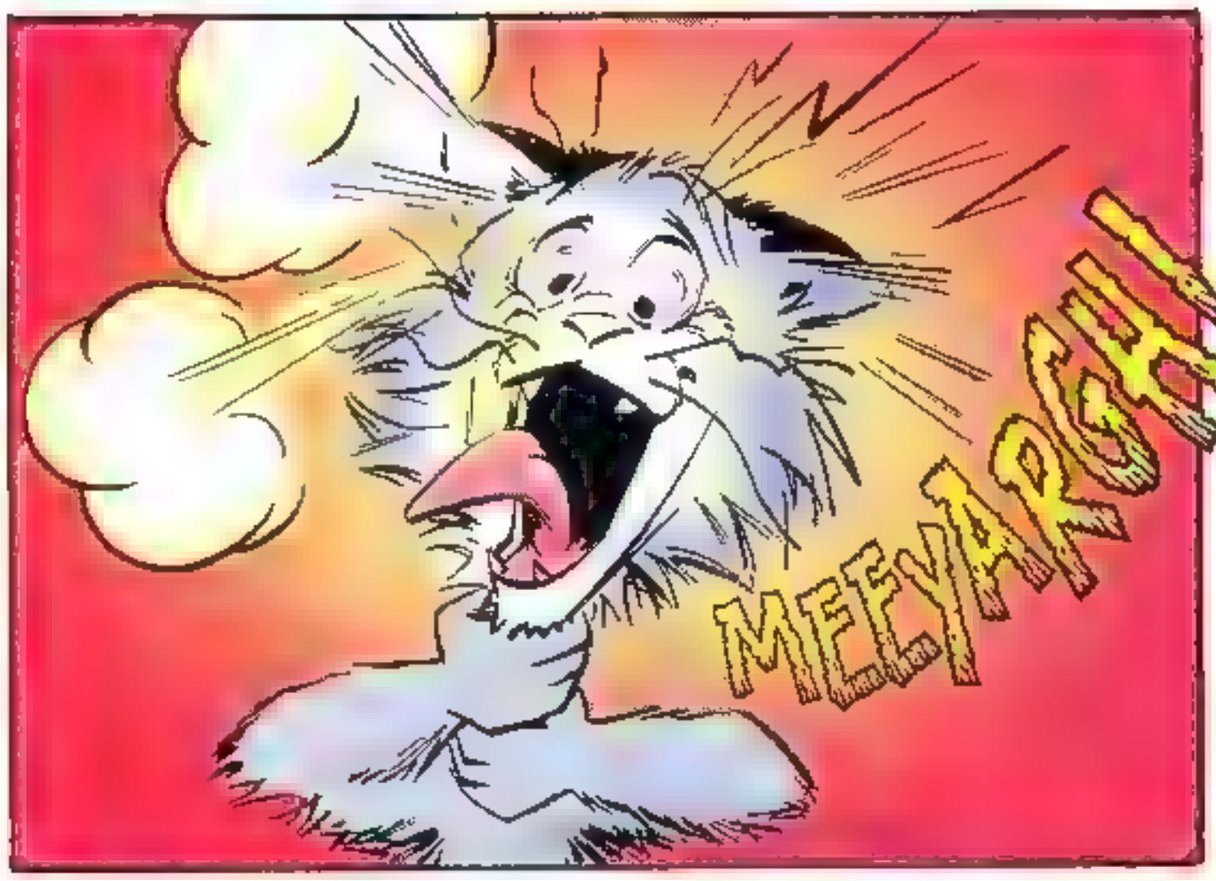
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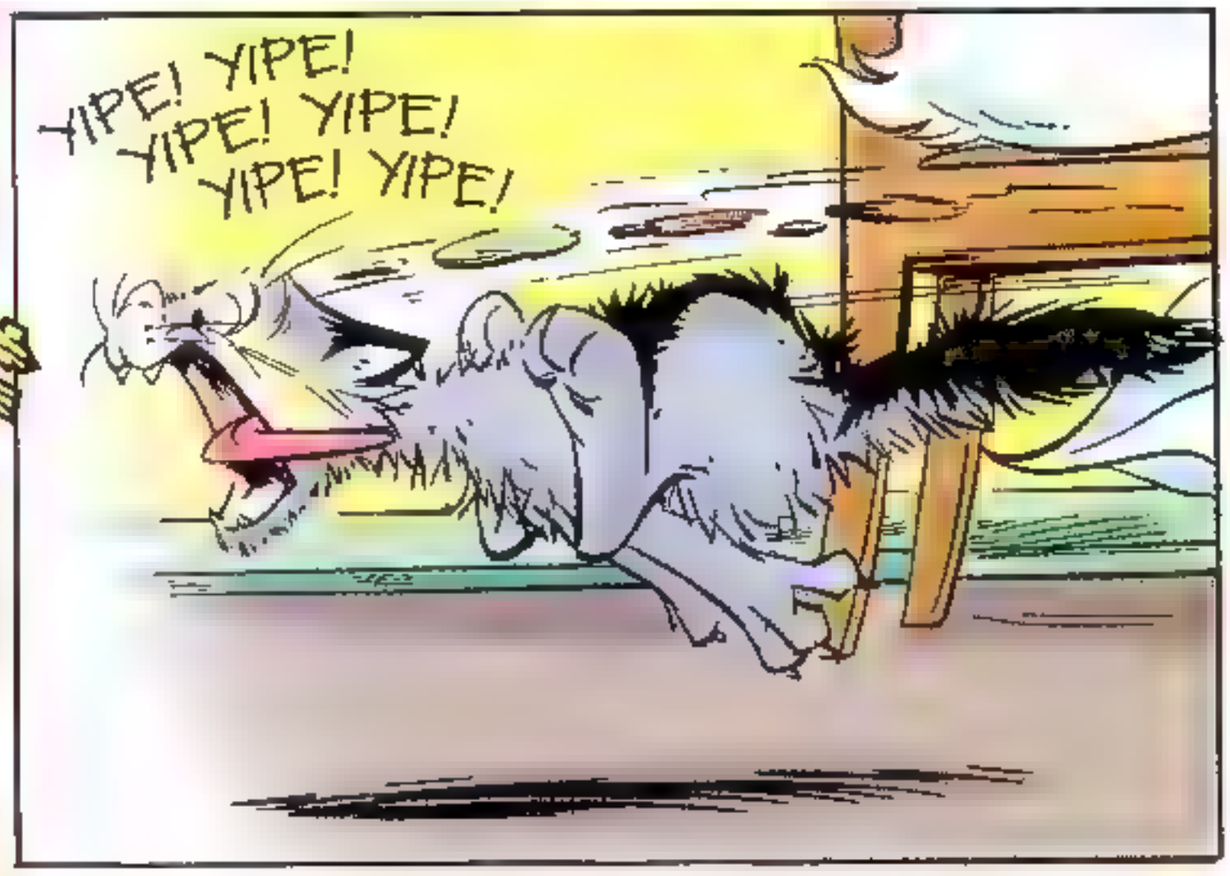
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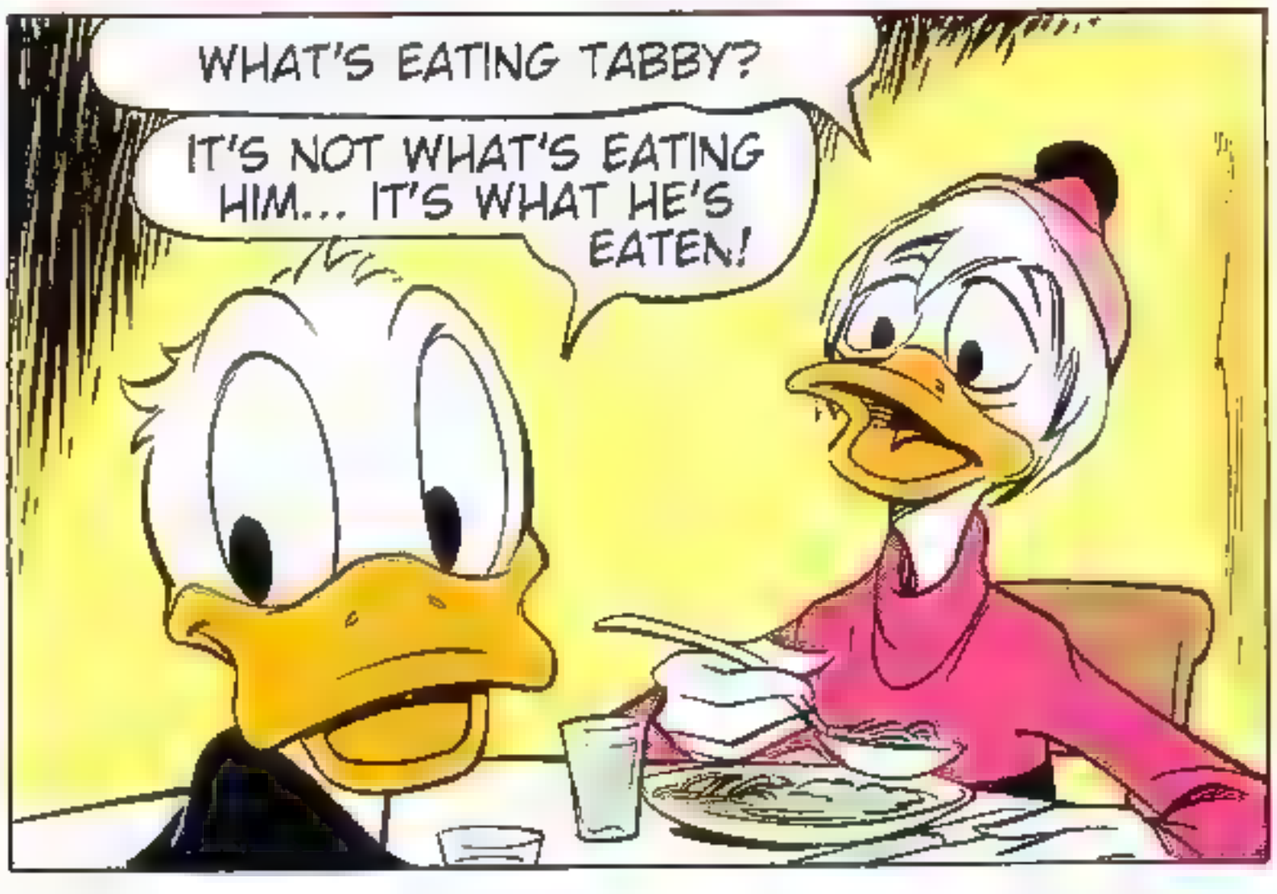
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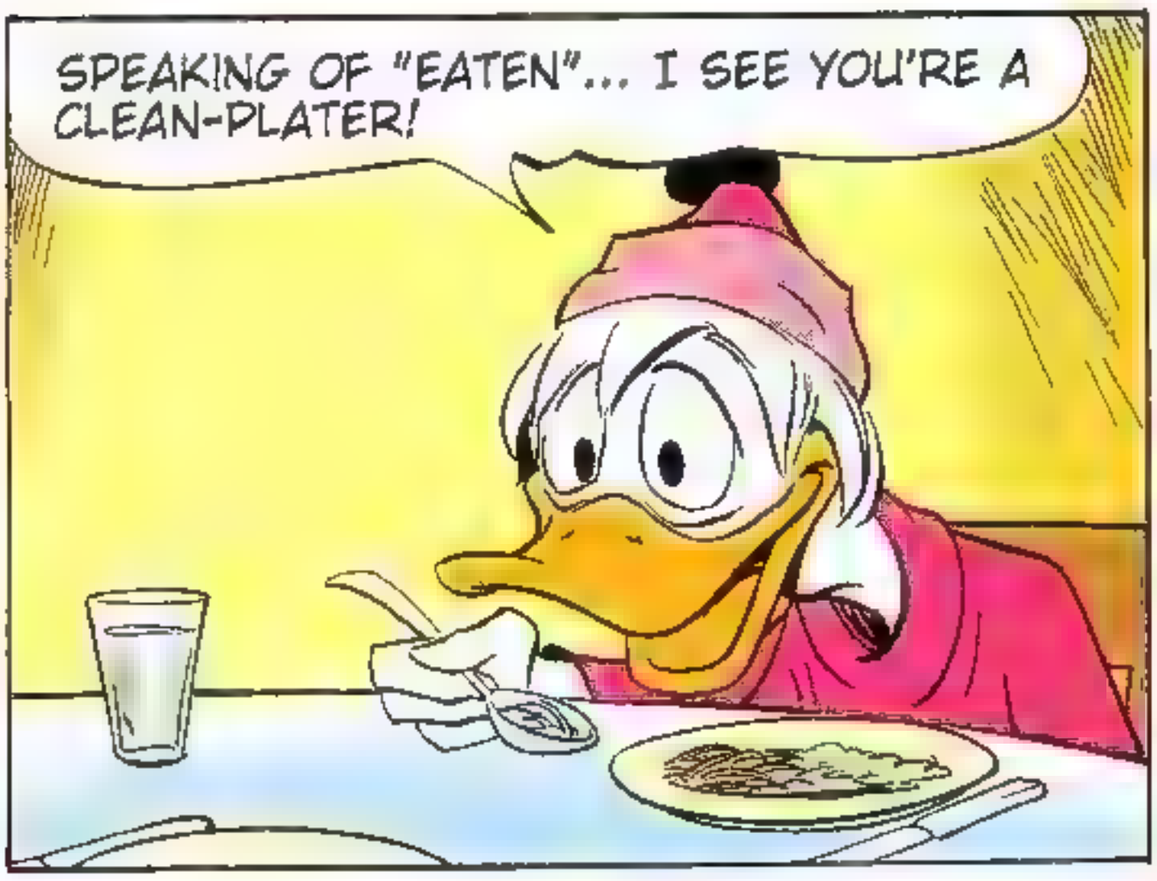
IT'S NOT WHAT'S EATING HIM... IT'S WHAT HE'S EATEN!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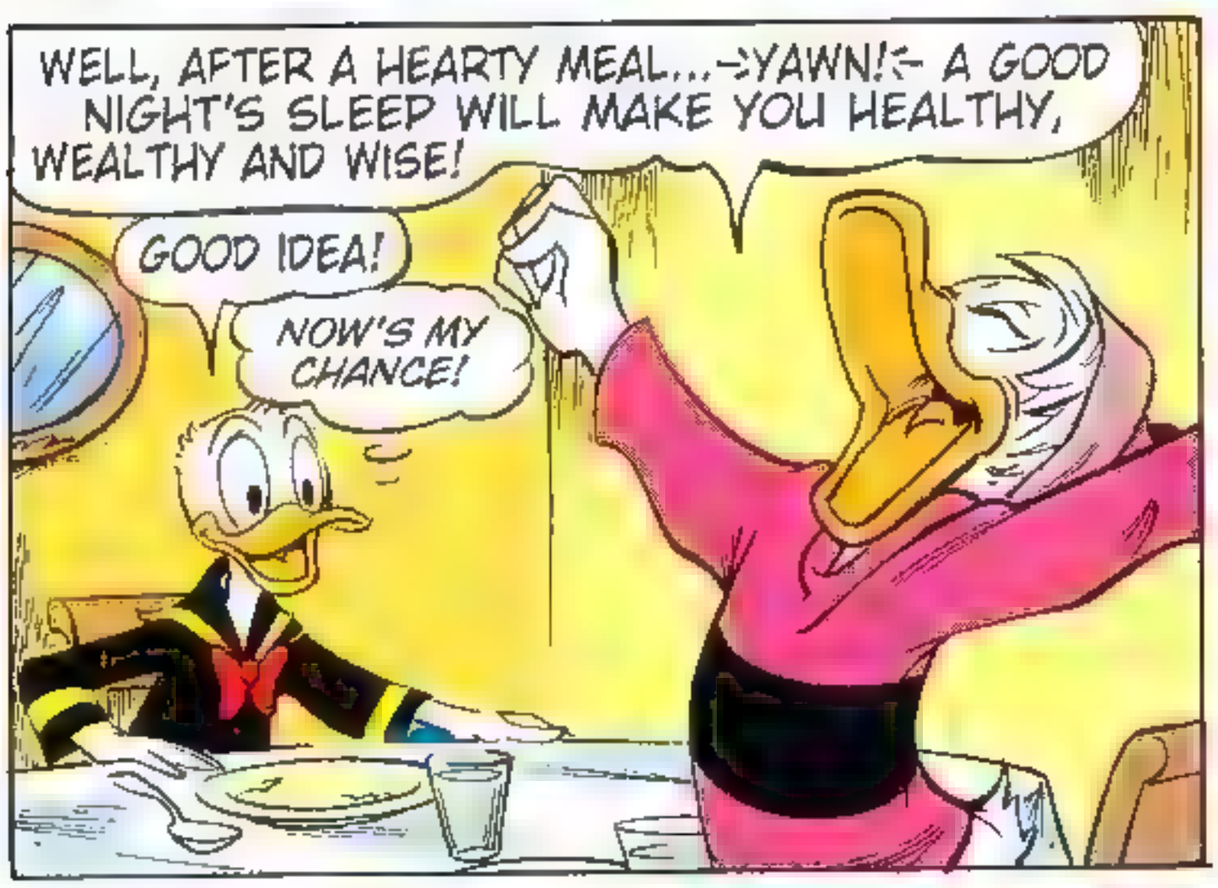
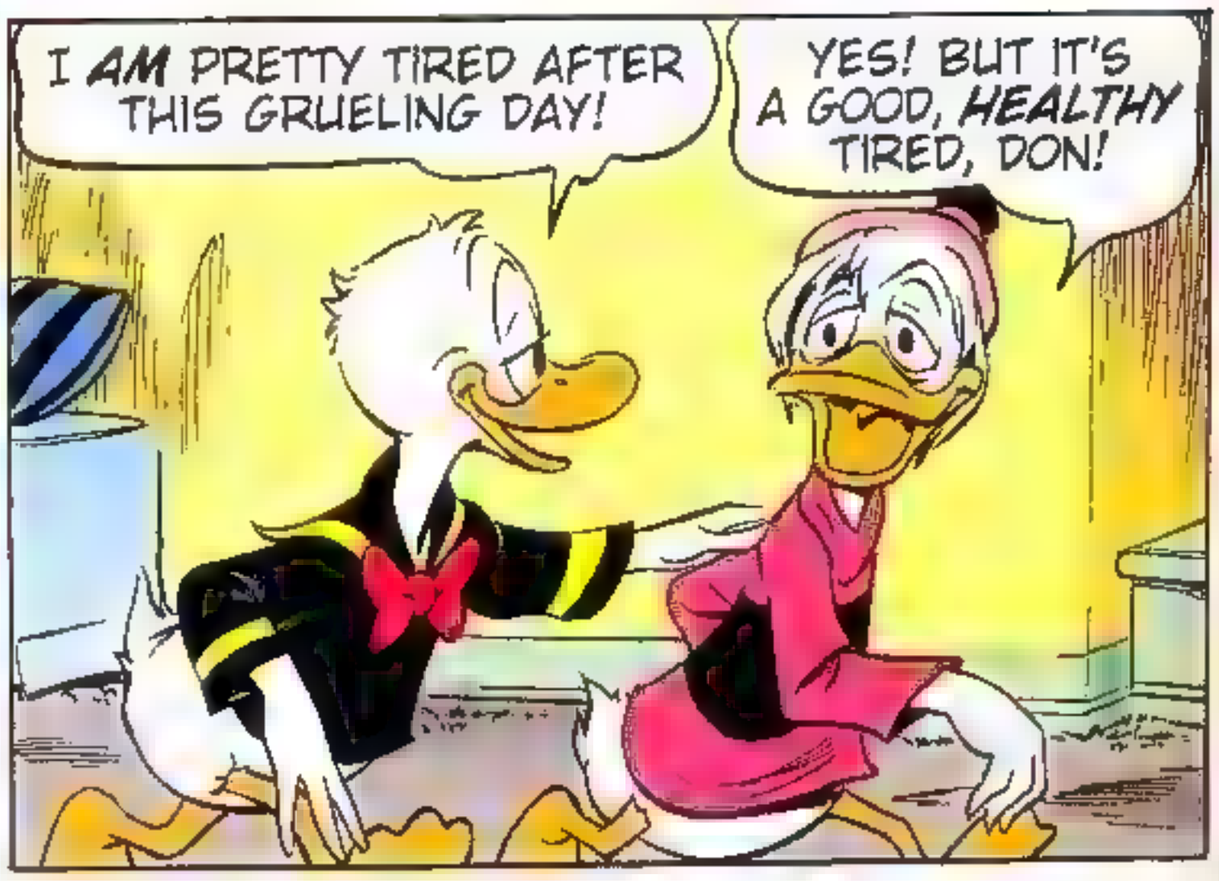

WELL, AFTER A HEARTY MEAL...=YAWN!= A GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP WILL MAKE YOU HEALTHY, WEALTHY AND WISE!
GOOD IDEA!
NOW'S MY CHANCE!


I AM PRETTY TIRED AFTER THIS GRUELING DAY!
YES! BUT IT'S A GOOD, HEALTHY TIRED, DON!

GOOD NIGHT, COUSIN!

GOOD NIGHT, COUSIN!

ZZZZ

=AH!= HE'S SLEEPING LIKE A BABY!

BOY! HERE'S WHERE I EAT UP ONE *SERIOUS* STORM--

=WAK!= *EMPTY!* FETHRY'S *THROWN OUT* ALL MY GOODIES!

=AHA!= HE MISSED A CAN OF POPCORN!

=HEH! HEH!= YOU HAVE TO GET UP PRETTY EARLY TO FOOL DONALD DUCK!

=AH!= FOOD AGAIN!

TUMMY-TE-TUM-TUM! ♪♫

ZZZZZ

POP! POP! POP!

→M-M-M!← SUCH *FRAGRANCE!* SUCH *AROMA!* SUCH--

SO!

PUT... THAT... DOWN!

NO! N-*NO!* IT'S MINE, ALL *MINE!* STAY *AWAY* FROM ME--

HAND IT *OVER!*

OH, DON'T CARRY ON SO, COUSIN! EMOTIONAL DISTRESS IS BAD FOR YOUR DIGESTION!

WHAT DIGESTION?

GOOD NIGHT, DONALD! THINK THIN! YOU'LL THANK ME FOR THIS SOME DAY!

YEAH, SURE! BIG DEAL!

I SOMEHOW DON'T TRUST HIM!

GREAT HONK! *TRAPPED!*

CLICK!

...GIVE ME MY UNCLE, PROFESSOR VON DRAKE!... HELLO, LUDWIG! -:SHH!:- MAJOR EMERGENCY! I'M LITERALLY A PRISONER IN MY OWN HOME...

...I'VE GOT A HEALTH NUT COUSIN VISITING ME WHO HAS READ A BOOK BY DOCTOR OBIT DECEASED!

OBIT DECEASED?! I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE GOING THROUGH! I'LL WRITE YOU A NEW BOOK THAT WILL COUNTER OBIT'S TO THE LUNCH COUNTER!

MORNING...

-:PSST!:- DONALD! I WROTE THE BOOK!

GOOD, LUDWIG! SLIDE IT INTO THE NEXT WINDOW AND JOIN US FOR BRUNCH!

FUN WITH FOOD

GOOD MORNING, DONALD! I FOUND THE MOST INTERESTING BOOK IN YOUR GUEST ROOM!

FUN WITH FOOD

WHY GOOD MORNING, FETHRY! I'M JUST FIXING OUR SEAWEED!

SEAWEED?! OH, THAT WAS YESTERDAY! TODAY I'VE BEGUN A NEW WAY OF LIFE!

FUN WITH FOOD

ACH! SO YOU HAVE READ THAT CLASSIC TOO! I KNOW THE AUTHOR WELL! HE'S A GENIUS! HANG ONTO EVERY WORD!

OH, I WILL!

FUN WITH FOOD

JOIN ME IN THE DINING ROOM! I TELL YOU ALL ABOUT THIS FABULOUS LEARNED GENTLEMAN!

GEE!

FUN WITH FOOD

UNCLE LUDWIG SURE DOES A GOOD JOB!

LATER...

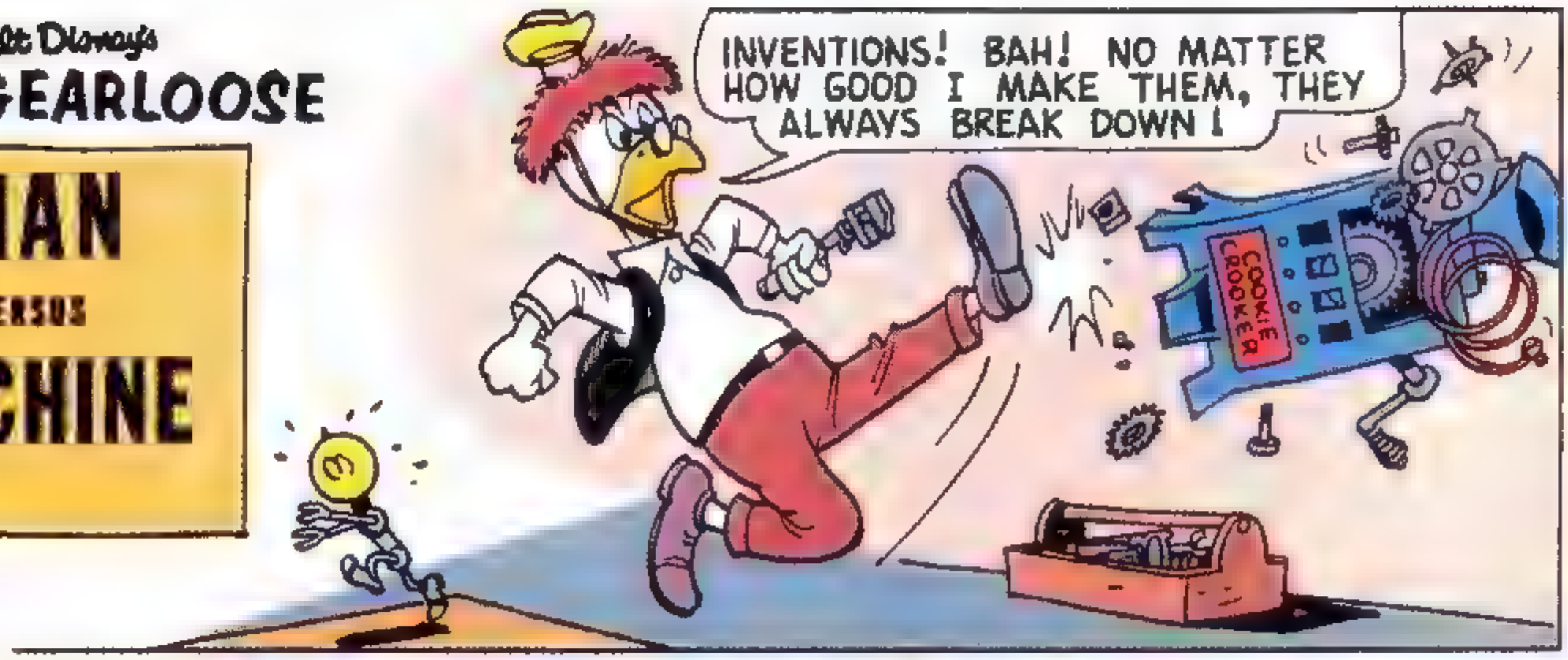
EAT, DRINK, AND BE MERRY, FOR TOMORROW WE DIET!

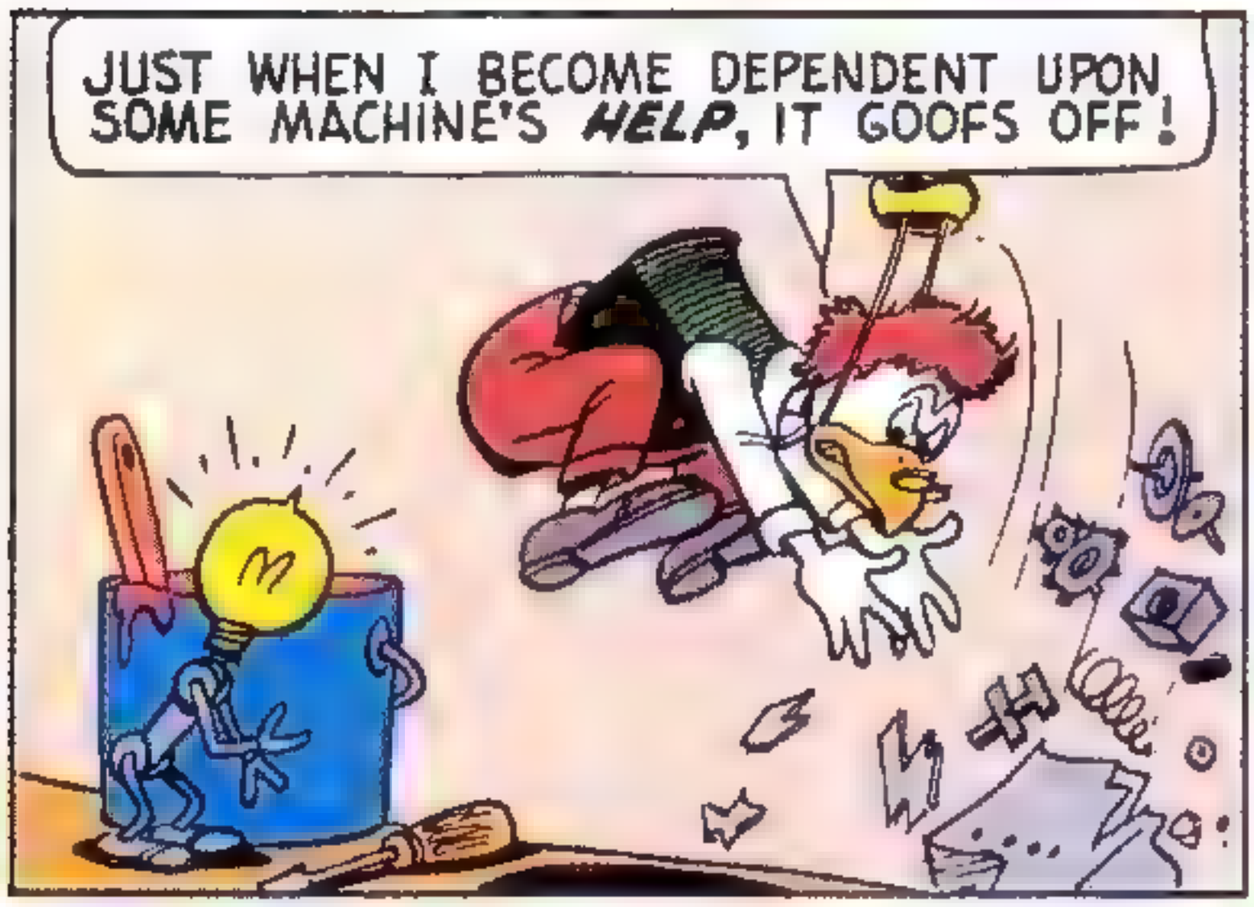
HE DID *TOO* GOOD A JOB! TOGETHER THEY MAY EAT ME OUT OF HOUSE AND HOME!

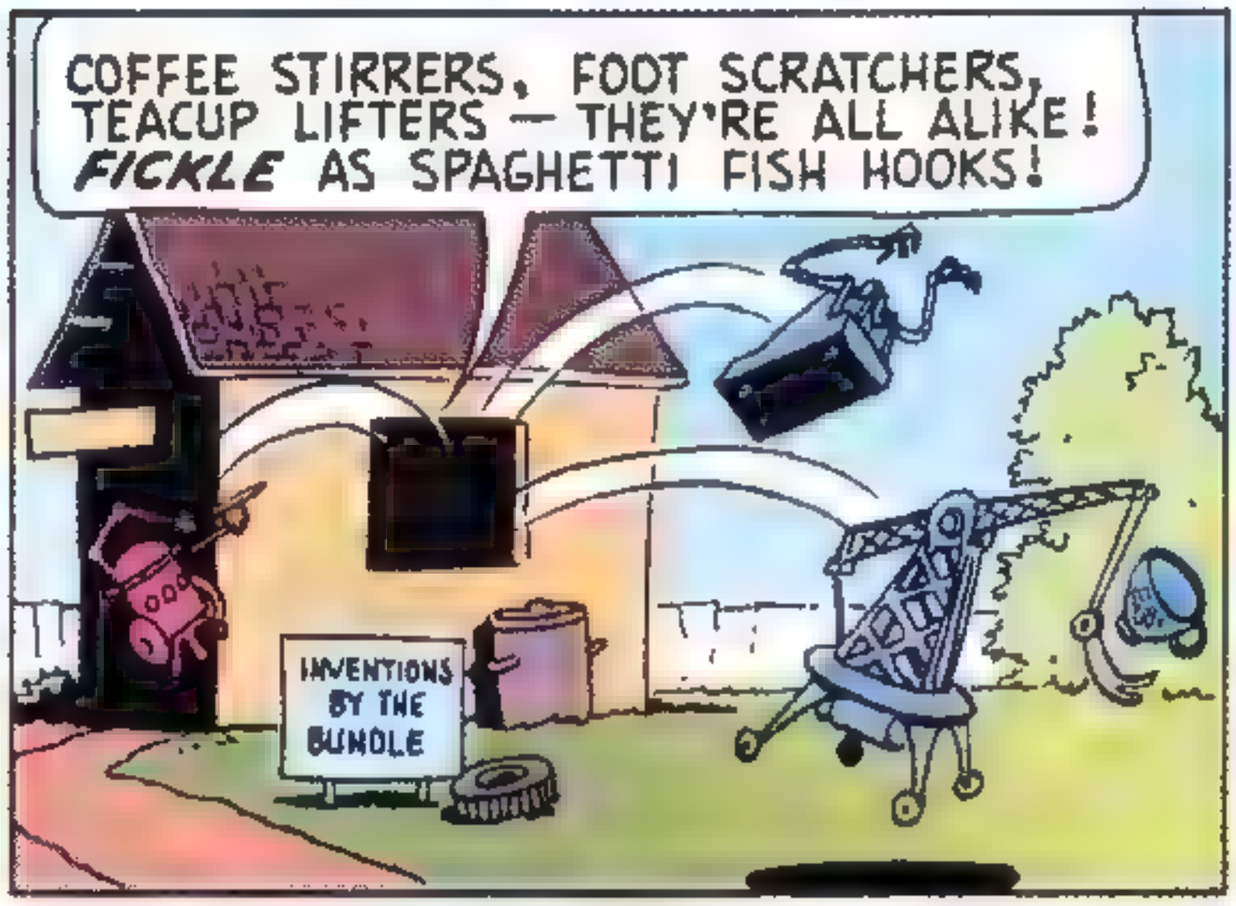
Walt Disney's

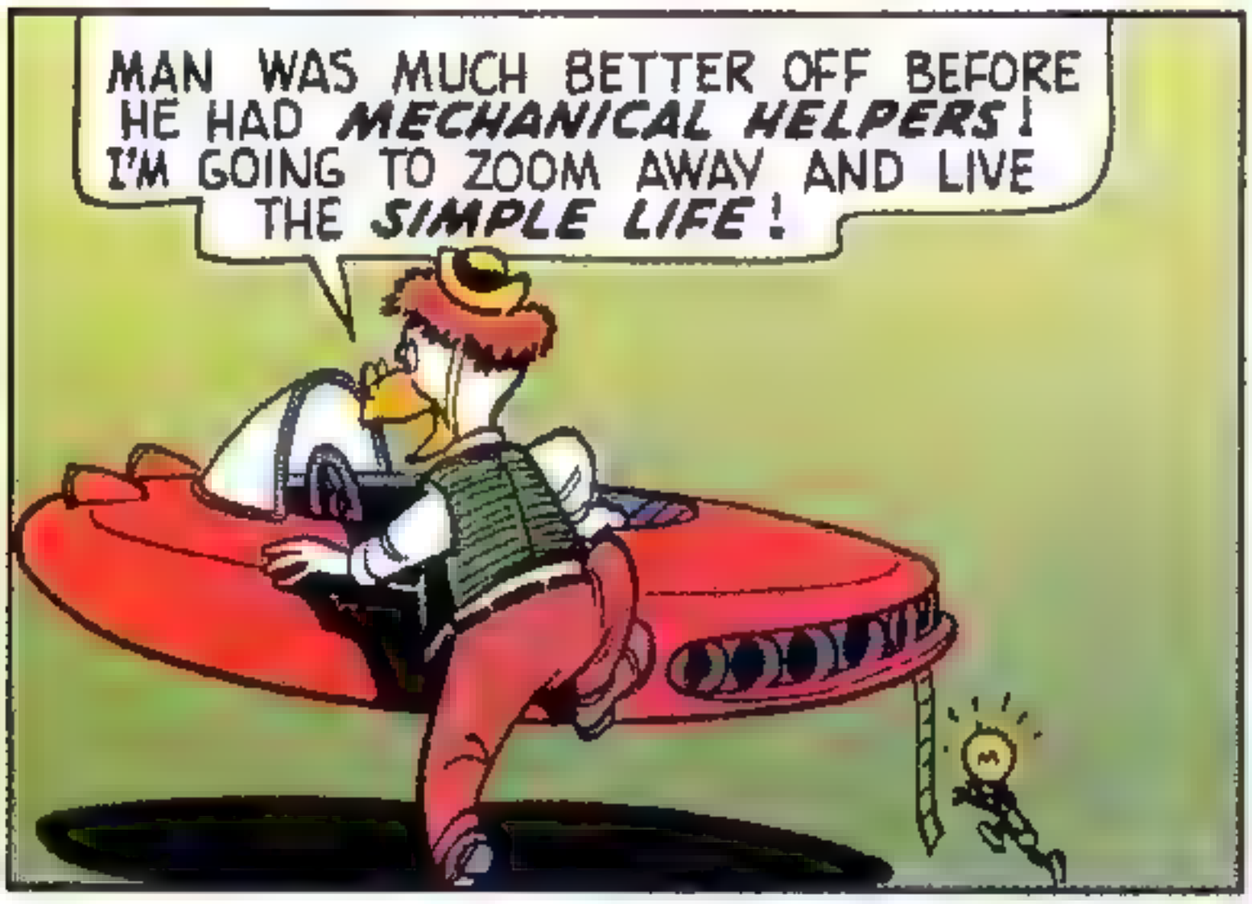
GYRO GEARLOOSE

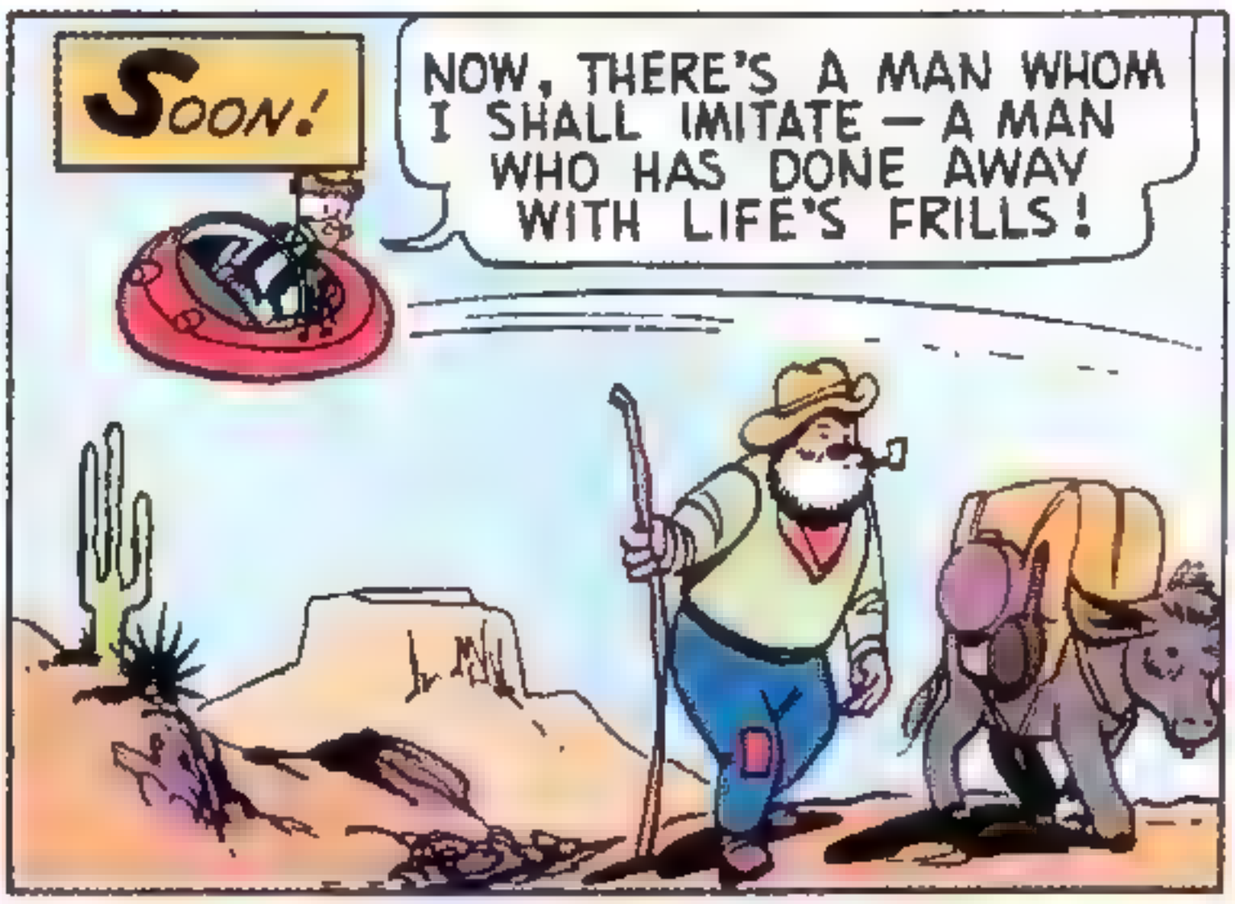
MAN VERSUS MACHINE

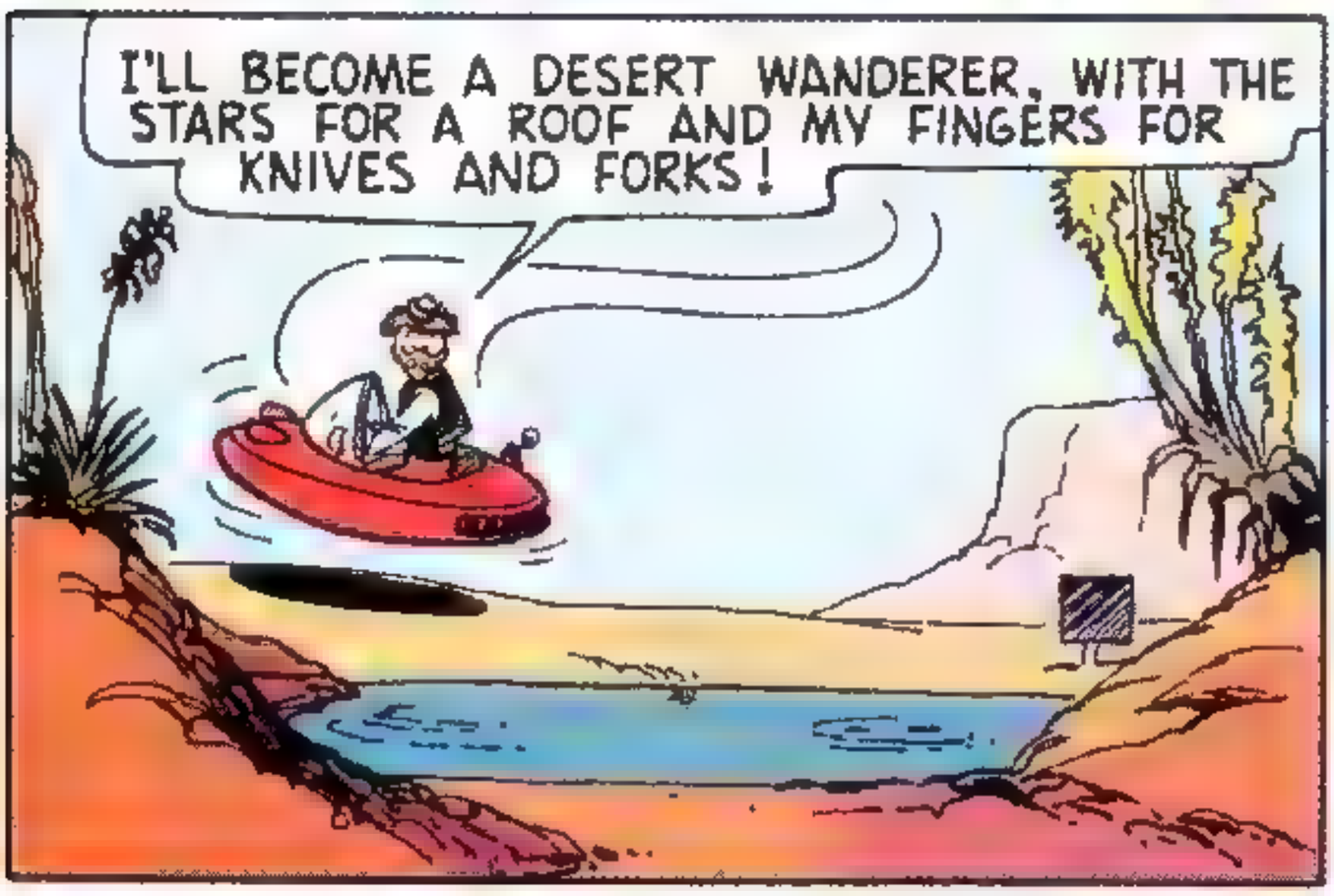


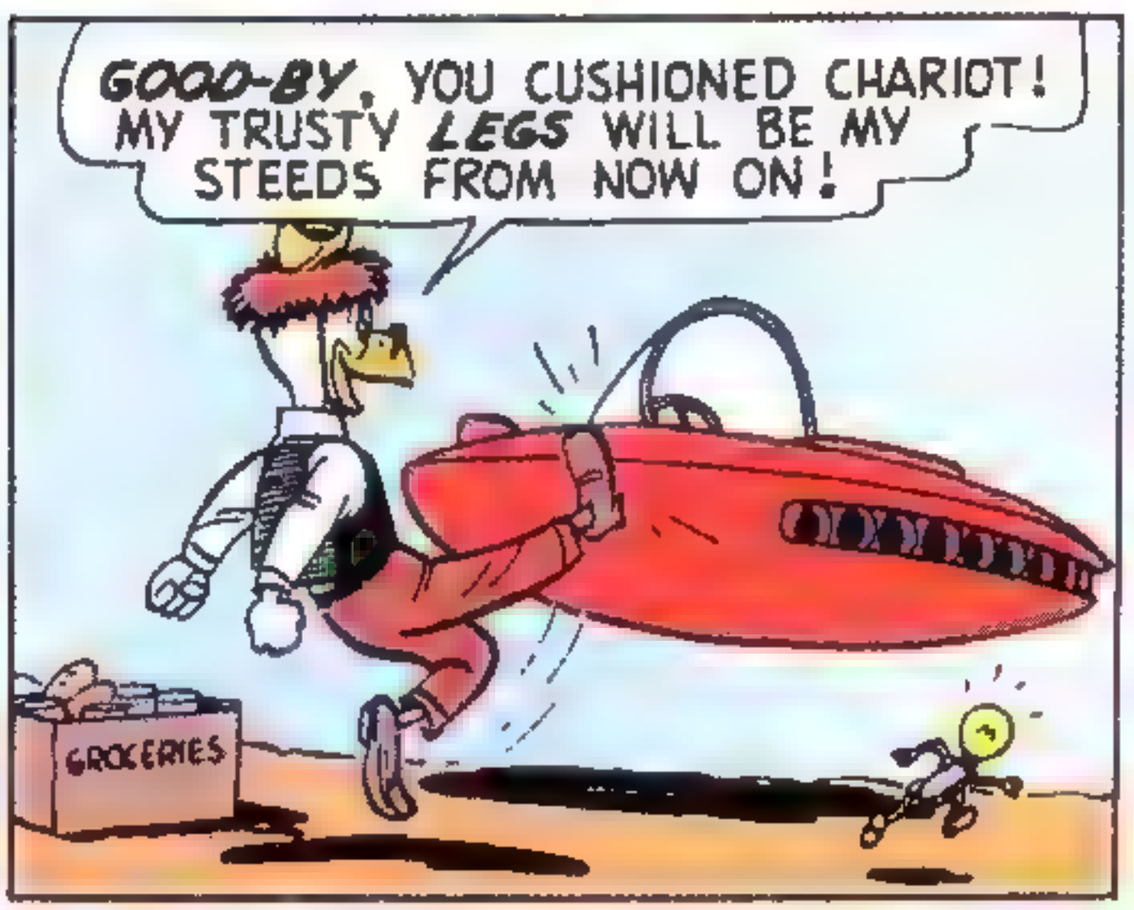



COFFEE STIRRERS, FOOT SCRATCHERS, TEACUP LIFTERS — THEY'RE ALL ALIKE! *FICKLE* AS SPAGHETTI FISH HOOKS!
INVENTIONS BY THE BUNDLE









AND *YOU*, HELPER, BEGONE FROM MY SIGHT! I WANT NOTHING AROUND THAT WILL REMIND ME OF MY YEARS AMONG FICKLE MACHINES!

I'M *THROUGH* WITH MECHANICAL THINGS — EVEN THROUGH WITH DRINKING CUPS!

SWIG

AWK! THAT WATER'S *POISON*! I'VE CAMPED BY AN *ARSENIC* SPRING!

GOT TO FIND *PURE* WATER IF I'M TO LIVE LONG IN THIS SIMPLE ROUTINE!

FLOOP

NOW ISN'T THAT JUST LIKE A MACHINE?.... *CONKED OUT* FROM A FIBRILLATED SIGGLESTAT!

MECHANICAL HELPERS — THEY'LL DO IT EVERY TIME! I'VE ONLY MY *LEGS* NOW TO HELP ME FIND WATER!

HOURS LATER!

FAREWELL, CRUEL WORLD! I WON'T LIVE LONG ENOUGH TO ENJOY MY NEW WAY OF LIFE!

GYRO'S HELPER SEES THAT SOMETHING MUST BE DONE!

H²O! WATER! MUST FIND!

MUST MAKE SPEED!

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THIS STEED IS GOOD FOR ABOUT A MILE!

M

BUT A MILE ISN'T FAR ENOUGH! WATER!.... MUST FIND!

B

OH, FOR SOME ***MACHINE*** THAT COULD BE REVVED UP— LIKE A MOTORBIKE!

B

SOON!

NOW ***I'M*** GROWING WEAK, TOO!.... MY BATTERY IS FIZZLING OUT!

3

FIZZT

FZUT!

LIKE ALL MECHANICAL HELPERS I CAN'T BE DEPENDED UPON IN A PINCH!

CLUNK

LIGHTNING! THUNDER! ***RAIN!*** ...WATER FROM THE SKY!

(GASP!) I CAN'T CATCH IT IN MY HANDS —AND MY HAT ***LEAKS***!

THE STORM GIVES ANOTHER KIND OF "DRINK" TO GYRO'S FIZZLED HELPER!

ZONG

LIGHTNING RECHARGED MY BATTERY! I'M OFF TO THE RESCUE!

HOURS LATER!

A PROSPECTOR'S SHACK! .... BUT HOW COME THE FANCY TOOL SHOP?

WAL, NOW, I'M TOO CRIPPLED TO GO DRAG IN YOUR BOSS, PODNER! I'LL HAVE TO SEND MY HELPERS!

BOSS THIRSTY TEN MILES WEST

SOON GYRO IS RESCUED BY THE STRANGEST "DESERT RATS" HE HAS EVER SEEN!

TWO ROBOTS! MECHANICAL MEN!

I HAD TO BUILD THOSE ROBOT HELPERS, PODNER! I'M A SCIENTIST WHO CAME TO THE DESERT TO ESCAPE FROM MACHINES!

BUT I FOUND THE SIMPLE LIFE IS TOO HARD TO HANDLE!

HEY! YOU SEEM SORT OF TANGLED UP, PODNER!

I AM! AFTER ALL THAT'S HAPPENED TO ME TODAY, I DON'T KNOW WHETHER I'M COMING OR GOING!

Walt Disney's UNCLE $CROOGE and Huey, Dewey & Louie

YOU WANT *TEN* DOLLARS FOR THE JUNIOR WOODCHUCKS' RAINY-DAY FUND? DO YOU THINK I'M *MADE* OF MONEY?

I DIDN'T *THINK* HE'D SAY YES, BUT IT WAS WORTH A SHOT!

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uhh... ahh... eehh...

WHUP—LOOKS LIKE LOUIE GOT SOMETHING TICKLISH UP HIS SNOOT!

I SURE DID! A WHIFF OF THIS *TEN-DOLLAR BILL* HIDING UNDER THE RUG! CAN THE WOODCHUCKS HAVE IT, UNCA SCROOGE?

LOOK OUT! ONE TIGHTWAD-UNCLE EXPLOSION COMING UP!

BUT...

I DON'T BELIEVE IT! THE LAD SNIFFED OUT THAT TEN-SPOT LIKE A BLOODHOUND!

THAT CAN ONLY MEAN ONE THING...

YOU'VE GOT THE McDUCK *NOSE*, MY BOY!

THE *WHAT?*

THE McDUCK NOSE! THE ABILITY TO SNIFF OUT POTENTIAL, AND PROFIT, AND MOST OF ALL—*MONEY!*

MY OWN NASAL TALENTS APPEARED AT JUST ABOUT YOUR AGE!

SO WHAT DOES THAT MAKE US? LOOKS LIKE WE'RE ALSO-RANS, BRO'!

NOW, WE HAVE TO MAKE SURE THIS IS THE REAL THING AND NOT JUST A FLUKE!

YOU PUT ON THIS BLINDFOLD, AND I'LL HIDE SOME CASH N THE OFFICE!

IF I FIND IT, CAN I *KEEP* IT?

DON'T BE RIDICULOUS! THIS IS A SCIENTIFIC EXPERIMENT! ANYWAY...

...I LET YOU KEEP THE TEN, AND NOW YOU WANT *MORE?*

I TAKE AFTER YOU, DON'T I?

ENOUGH OF THAT! LET'S GET STARTED!

erh... ahh... I'M GETTING SOMETHING... I NEED A STEPLADDER!

AND SHORTLY...

AMAZING! YOU GOT THEM ALL IN NO TIME! I DO BELIEVE YOU HAVE THE GIFT!

SPEAKING OF GIFTS, UNCA SCROOGE...

NEVER MIND *THAT!*

THIS IS PROOF POSITIVE! ***YOU'VE*** GOT THE GIFT—AND ***I'VE*** GOT AN HEIR WORTHY OF THE NAME!

WE HAVE A LOT OF WORK AHEAD OF US, LOUIE! WE NEED TO ***TRAIN*** THAT OLFACTORY ABILITY OF YOURS TO MAXIMIZE ITS POTENTIAL!

I SEE GREAT THINGS IN YOUR FUTURE, MY BOY!

UNLESS WE WANT TO BECOME A DUO, I'D SAY WE NEED TO PROVE LOUIE'S NOSE ISN'T AS NIFTY AS IT SEEMS!

I'VE HIDDEN A GOLD DOUBLOON IN THIS OFFICE IN CASE OF EMERGENCIES. HOW FAST CAN YOU SNIFF IT OUT?

I FEEL A NOSE TWITCH COMING ON!

WELL?

PHOOH! THIS OLD FISH WOULD BUNG UP ANYONE'S SINUSES!

HOW'S IT GOING?

SHH! LET THE LAD CONCENTRATE!

AH-HAH! I'M DEFINITELY GETTING A WAFT OF SOMETHING ***BIG*** RIGHT BEHIND THAT PICTURE! THAT IS ONE ***STINKY*** COIN!

NO, NO! THAT'S NOWHERE ***NEAR*** THE COIN!

IT ISN'T? BUT I SMELLED ***SOMETHING!***

MAYBE SO! WITH THIS COLD ***I*** CAN'T SMELL ANYTHING RIGHT NOW!

PERHAPS SNIFFING FOR ***GOLD*** WAS ASKING A BIT TOO MUCH TO START WITH. LET'S TRY YOU OUT ON ***LESSER*** CURRENCIES!

FIRST I HIDE OUR POCKET CHANGE UNDER THIS POTTED PLANT...

...THEN WE WAIT TO MAKE OUR MOVE!

LET'S SEE WHAT YOU COME UP WITH ON YOUR OWN!

OH-OH! MY NOSE IS DOING THE BOOGIE-WOOGIE AGAIN!

A-HAH!

WHAT ARE YOU GETTING? WHERE IS IS COMING FROM?

IT'S FROM THAT PLANT BACK THERE!

LET'S TAKE A LOOK!

I ***KNOW*** I'VE GOT SOMETHING THIS TIME!

THERE'S NOTHING IN HERE! BUT I ***DID*** SMELL MONEY—I'M ***SURE*** OF IT!

STAND ASIDE! LET ME LOOK!

BAH! NOTHING BUT *MULCH!*

I'M SORRY, UNCA SCROOGE!

WE NEED TO GET YOU INTO AN INTENSE TESTING ENVIRONMENT! LET'S GO TO THE *MONEY BIN!*

SO FAR, SO GOOD! NOW WE NEED TO BRING OUT THE HEAVY ARTILLERY!

NOW, LOUIE—TRY TO HONE IN ON A *$1,000 BILL!* IF YOU *TRULY* HAVE THE McDUCK SCENT SENSE, THAT SHOULD BE A SNAP!

WELL?

MY NOSE IS TWITCHING, ALL RIGHT, BUT I'M NOT SURE IT'S THE *MONEY!*

NICE, RIPE LIMBURGER CHEESE! THIS STUFF'S *SMELLIER* THAN A SKUNK'S SUMMER CAMP!

THIS VENT BLOWS STRAIGHT INTO THE BIN! LET 'ER RIP!

whirr

TOO BAD, MY BOY! WHATEVER YOU'VE GOT, IT ISN'T THE McDUCK NOSE. MAYBE IT'S JUST *ALLERGIES!*

THAT'S OKAY, LINCA SCROOGE!

TO BE HONEST, I'D RATHER BE PLAYING WITH MY BROTHERS THAN HUNTING FOR *MONEY!*

THAT GOES *DOUBLE* FOR US!

MAKE THAT A *TRIPLE!*

ONE LAST CHANCE! CLOSE YOUR EYES...

UH-OH! LOUIE'S NOSE IS TWITCHING LIKE AN ASPEN LEAF! HERE WE GO AGAIN!

SORRY LINCA SCROOGE, IT'S JUST THE DUST IN HERE MAKING MY NOSE ITCH!

BAH! HE CAN'T EVEN SENSE MY *NUMBER-ONE DIME!*

HURRAY! LET'S GO PLAY!

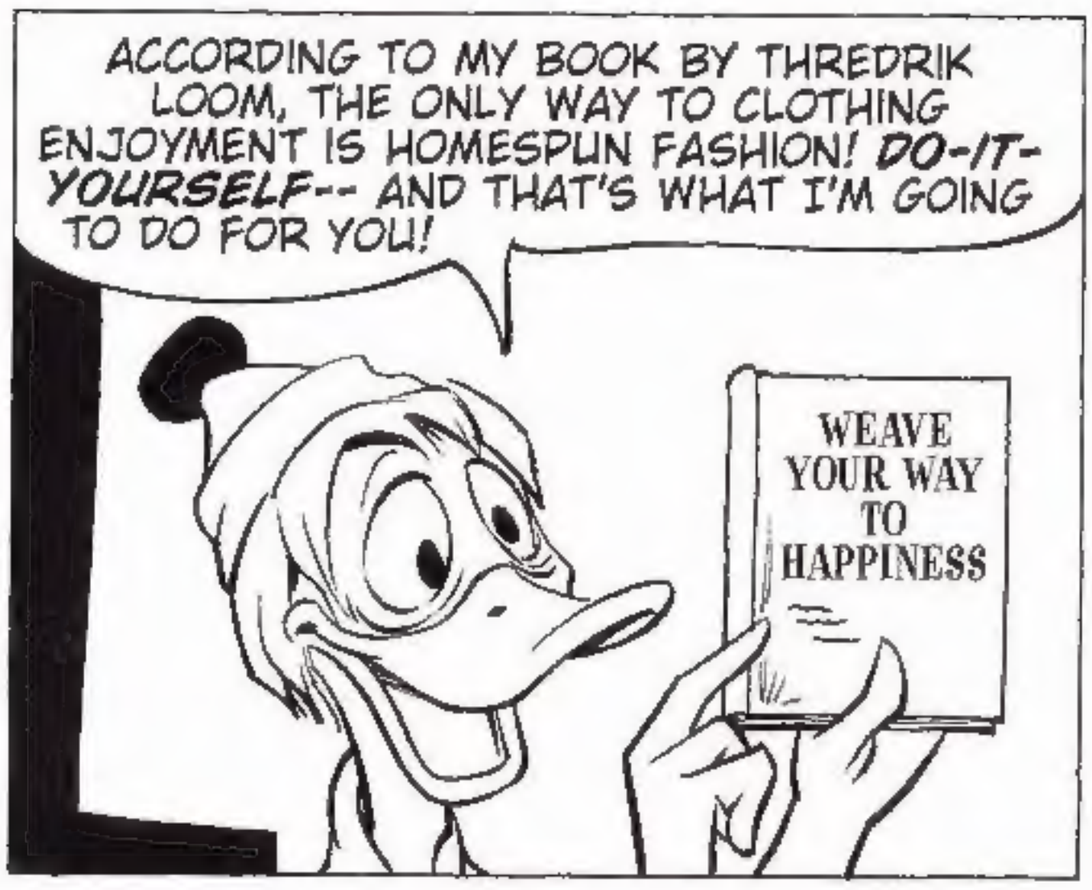
SORRY FOR THE SABOTAGE, LOUIE! WANT TO TELL LINCA SCROOGE YOU REALLY *CAN* SNIFF OUT CASH?

MAYBE SOMEDAY— RIGHT NOW I'M JUST GLAD THERE'S MORE TO LIFE THAN *MONEY!*

Cousin Fethry by David Gerstein

It all began with Dick Kinney and Al Hubbard. As a cartoon gag man for Disney, Lantz, and UPA studios in the 1950s, Kinney found his niche with animal antiheroes: from Chip 'n' Dale to Woody Woodpecker, cheerful pests who left chaos in their wake. Hubbard, meanwhile, was a humor comics artist with a twist. Starting in 1942, his extra-bouncy brushwork gave various publishers' fairy-tale scenarios a charming storybook look — and their screwball comedies a uniquely graceful touch.

In 1964 these two top talents got together. Disney had initiated an in-house program to produce new comic book stories, and Kinney and Hubbard were both on board. In a single inspired moment, Hubbard's lunatic line-art blessed Kinney's funniest pest ever: Donald's cousin Fethry Duck.

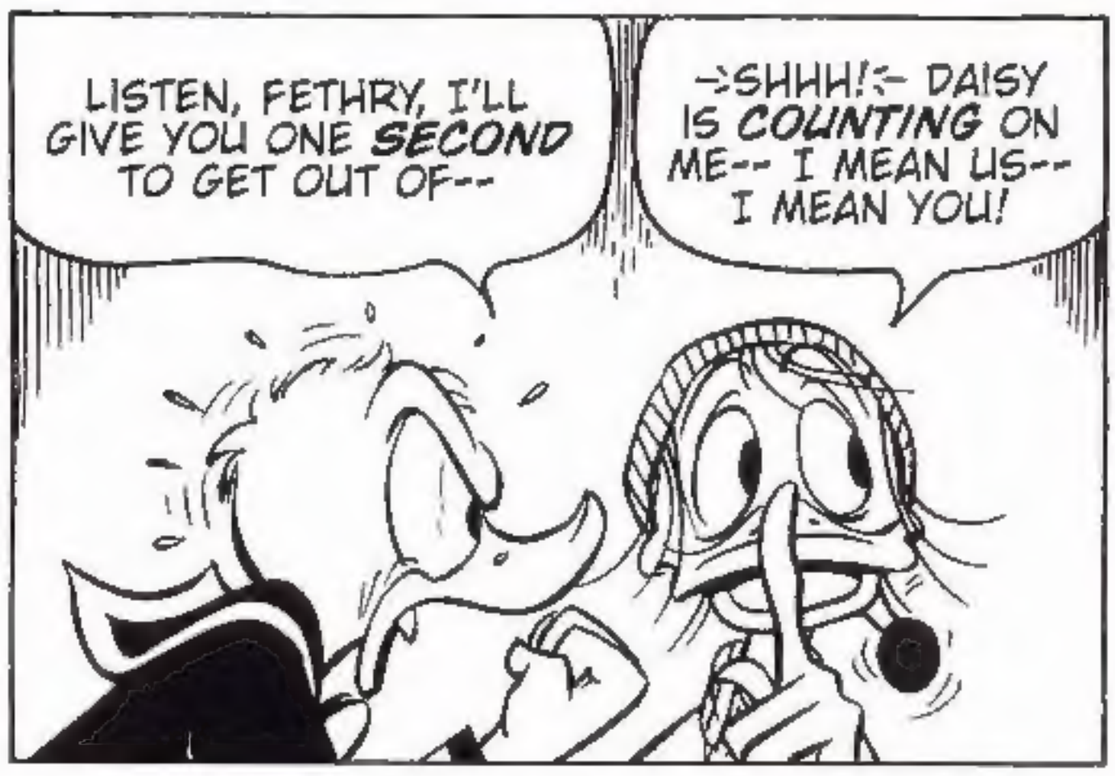

ACCORDING TO MY BOOK BY THREDRIK LOOM, THE ONLY WAY TO CLOTHING ENJOYMENT IS HOMESPUN FASHION! DO-IT-YOURSELF-- AND THAT'S WHAT I'M GOING TO DO FOR YOU!
WEAVE YOUR WAY TO HAPPINESS

Fethry explains his obsession of the week. From "Weaving and Ducking" (1964). Writer: Dick Kinney, Artist: Al Hubbard.

Who is this stocking-capped fowl? As his creators would have it, he's Duckburg's single most highly-motivated citizen. Every week Fethry has a new job or interest through which he aims to find personal satisfaction — and to uplift the world at large, sharing his private joys with everyone and anyone. To meet Fethry is to be smothered by his latest craze: an exciting new hobby, a protest against society's ills, or the urge to explore nature, just to name a few. Fethry seems to have what it takes to achieve his goals: creativity, perseverance, a wily grasp of argument, and an intense fondness for his family and friends.

Alas for those family and friends, Fethry's character traits also include clumsiness, shortsightedness, tactlessness, and buck-passing — failings he's innocently unaware of. In daily life, the wannabe Renaissance duck is a walking disaster area; the more exposure one has to his interests, the more punishment one takes. And those he is fondest of, like dear Cousin Donald, take an awful *lot* of punishment. True, Fethry's victims at times fight back; but the cheerful duck casually dismisses rejection. If at *first* his beloved family doesn't understand the longterm benefits of Fethry Obsession #4,353 ... Fethry will just have to try *harder* to *make* them see the light. Uh-oh.

For a scene-stealing nut, Fethry is amazingly



Fethry passes the buck. Note the thinner hair used on the mature version of the character. From "Suds in Your Eye" (1965). Writer: Dick Kinney, Artist: Al Hubbard.

little-known here in his home country. That's because until 1984, Disney's in-house comics program mainly produced stories for the *overseas* market — Fethry tales included. Only in a short-lived giveaway, **Wonderful World of Disney**, did a few Kinney and Hubbard adventures reach us. Fan favorite Tony Strobl drew several first-run Fethry yarns for our homegrown Gold Key comics, but those stories' scripters didn't really catch the subtleties of the character.

Those who *did* catch the "real" Fethry were mostly comics fans in Europe and South America, where Fethry remains a celebrated star to this day. Like every Disney duck, the stocking-capped one has had his ups and downs: at times, he has been miscast as a Donald clone or a simple dummy. Luckily, he often appears as his funny, original self, too.

With the advent of Gemstone, a prodigal duck is finally home to roost. We've presented the "real" Fethry in several new stories over the past few months — and now comes a lost American classic. In this issue, we're publishing the first *ever* Fethry Duck tale, 1964's "The Health Nut," for the first time in its country of origin.

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